



19 June 2026

Ref: DOIA-REQ-0032756-Joel Robinson

Joel Robinson

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Tēnā koe Joel Robinson

Thank you for your email of 7 May 2026 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I am requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982.

This request relates to any funding, contracts, grants, sponsorships, procurement arrangements, partnership agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other financial support provided by your organisation to Pūhoro Charitable Trust, Pūhoro STEMM Academy, or Pūhoro.

Please provide information for the period 1 July 2023 to the date of this request.

Please provide:

- A list of all funding arrangements with Pūhoro, including the name of the arrangement, start and end date, total approved value, amount paid by financial year, and whether the funding was contestable or non-contestable.*
- Copies of the relevant funding agreements, contracts, data-sharing agreements, grant agreements, variations, memoranda of understanding, schedules of deliverables, reporting requirements, and performance measures.*
- Copies of reporting received from Pūhoro, including milestone reports, performance reports, monitoring reports, evaluation reports, acquittals, invoices, and evidence of delivery.*
- Any outcome data held by your organisation relating to Pūhoro, including the number of participants who entered tertiary study, degree-level study, engineering, technology, IT/computer science, science, health, other STEMM pathways, or STEMM employment.*
- Any substantive correspondence, including emails, between your organisation and Pūhoro relating to:*
 - * renewal, extension, variation, or increase of funding;*
 - * reporting, performance measures, or outcome data;*
 - * definitions of “transition to tertiary”, “STEMM pathway”, “science qualification”, or similar outcome measures;*
 - * concerns or issues with delivery, reporting, payment, invoicing, or contract performance.*

If any part of this request is too broad, please contact me before refusing it so I can refine the scope.

On 4 June 2026 the due date to respond to your request was extended until 19 June 2026. The reason for the extension was that consultations necessary to make a decision on your request were such that a proper response could not be made within the original time limit.

Please see below my response to your request.

Records of research funding by MBIE are publicly available on the MBIE website. The Who Got Funded webpage lists all the grants for scientific research and associated activities funded by MBIE including to the Pūhoro Charitable Trust. MBIE is therefore refusing the first part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available at the following link:

- Who Got Funded: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/funding-information-and-opportunities/investment-funds/who-got-funded>

MBIE has identified two contracts held with Pūhoro Charitable Trust since July 2023. Please find attached the documentation relevant to these contracts that is in scope of the remaining parts of your request as outlined in the below document tables:

PCTBO2301: *Nurturing Mātauranga-Inspired Rangatahi STEM Practitioners for Tomorrow's STEM Economy*

No	Date	Description	Withholding grounds
1	5 February 2024	Funding Agreement	9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii)
2	19 September 2024	Progress Report	N/A
3	19 September 2024	Progress Report Complementary Information	N/A
4	19 September 2025	Final Report	9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii)
5	19 September 2025	Final Report Complementary Information	9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii)
6	8-9 September 2025	RE: Contract # - HAKT PCTBO2301	9(2)(a)

PCTBO2403: Increasing engineering and mātauranga capability to develop sustainable natural and built environment solutions for communities to prosper

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1	7 May 2025	Funding Agreement	9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii)
2	February 2026	Progress Report	9(2)(a)
3	February 2026	Progress Report Complementary Information	9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii)

Please note some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;
- 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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