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Tēnā koe Glenn

Official Information Act request – Chief Legal Counsel salary

Thank you for your information request dated 27 February 2017. Your request was transferred from the Ministry of Social Development to other agencies including Te Puni Kōkiri for a response. You asked for the following information:

- *The base salaries of all other Chief Counsel of Government Departments.*

Your request is declined under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, which applies to protect the privacy of natural persons. However, I can confirm that the salary band for the Manager, Legal Services role at Te Puni Kōkiri is from \$138,338 (80%) to \$207,508 (120%).

In making my decision to decline your request, I have considered whether there are countervailing public interest considerations that would warrant the release of the information. I do not consider the public interest outweighs the need to protect the privacy of the individual staff member, and I consider that the public interest is met by providing the salary band.

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.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact Madeline Smith, Senior Advisor, Ministerials and Business Support via smitm@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

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