

10 October 2017

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Dear B. Mosley

Thank you for your emails of 11, 12, and 13 September 2017 requesting the following information, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Information about all taonga tūturu cases that have been submitted to the Māori Land Court, indicating which are single claim cases and which are competing claim cases, along with sufficient Māori Land Court reference details for competing claim cases.

The following document is attached. Redactions have been made to exclude references that are outside the scope of your request.

	Title of document	Redactions
1	Taonga Tūturu Māori Land Court Applications Database Spreadsheet	<p>Columns of the spreadsheet which have been redacted are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taonga Tūturu Description - Z number - NZHPT Authority Number - NZAA File Reference - Wet Wood Conservation - Date Found - Interim Custody with - Date Notified to the Ministry for Culture & Heritage - Expiry of Notification Period - Expiry of 30 day Notification Period - Groups Notified - Groups Not Claiming - Persons/Groups claiming ownership - Cheque Number - Notes

From reading the emails that refined the above request, it seems that you have a general interest in the number of competing and single claim cases the Ministry receives.

To provide for this, the attached response contains information about cases that have not yet had applications made to the Māori Land Court, and in doing so goes beyond a strict reading of your request.

The majority of cases for which applications have been made to the Māori Land Court are single claim cases, as competing claim cases involve a greater level of engagement with claimants over a longer period of time before being submitted to the Māori Land Court.

In order to accurately reflect the number of single and competing claim cases the Ministry receives, this response has included the additional information. You will be able to identify the cases for which applications have been made to the Māori Land Court as they will have a Court application number listed or state 'Order Made' or 'Complete' in the status column.

In places, the status column of the spreadsheet refers to the acronym 'HOPs', which means the Heritage Operations team at the Ministry. This is the team which manages the taonga tūturu process before cases are passed to the Ministry's legal team, who submit the applications to the Māori Land Court.

You have the right to seek a 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kim Rex', written in a cursive style.

Kim Rex
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