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Tēnā koe Katherine

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 1 May 2023 for information regarding Nga Hau E Wha. You requested:

"I request all information the Ministry holds regarding Tui Taurua aka Tui Taurua Peihopa, and all information regarding the mental health peer support network known as Nga Hau E Wha since the last release of information, which is at this link - fyi.org.nz/request/9896-all-information-regarding-contracts-and-funding-awarded-to-nga-hau-e-wha-supporting-applications-etc

This includes a copy of the current contract, and all communication between the Ministry and anyone else regarding Nga Hau E Wha."

On 9 and 15 May 2023, you were contacted by Manatū Hauora pursuant to section 18B of the Act to seek clarification and refinement to your request. We asked if, for example, you were specifically seeking key documents such as memos and briefings. On 23 May 2023, you responded with the following:

"We require the information we requested. Our own personal information has been fraudulently obtained and fraudulently misused by this organisation and we will not hesitate to follow up with complaints to the Ombudsmen and litigation if the Ministry refuses to provide the information requested.

We note the the previous release of information regarding this group contains evidence of criminal offending and a letter to the Prime Minister which has been altered with intent to deceive and fraudulently misused for personal gain, and that criminal proceedings are before the Court involving several Ministry staff and former staff."

As you were advised in the Ministry's refinement request, the information requested requires the resources of two Manatū Hauora employees and the difficulty of accessing this information from two former employees. The task of compiling the designated materials is

exacerbated in volume and complexity, including the requirement to search through, individually examine and analyse hundreds of emails to discern its contents and to determine whether they are within scope of your request. This would place an unreasonable degree of strain on the team responsible and would interfere with the day-to-day workings of the Ministry.

As such, your request for information is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as it would require a substantial amount of collation to provide the information you have requested. Please note, Manatū Hauora remains open to responding to a manageable request in the future should you wish to make one.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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