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Dear Mr McKenzie

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which we received on 1 December 2016. You have requested the following information:

*According to media reports there have been three arrests so far, the first being Ngatokotoru Puna (strangely who just happens to be the nephew of Cook Island PM).*

*The last two arrests no details given were other than one was "a woman" and the other "a man". The reason their details were not provided were "taxpayer secrecy prevented the release of more details" according to media reports.*

*Why were Mr Puna's details given? Why was his case not covered by taxpayer secrecy laws?*

Taxpayer information held by Inland Revenue is protected and considered tax secret under Section 81 of the Tax Administration Act 1994. Mr Puna's details were not released by Inland Revenue; they were released by a member of the Media. Inland Revenue cannot comment as to how the reporter acquired this information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leisa Coley'.

Leisa Coley  
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