

Office of Hon Kelvin Davis

MP Te Tai Tokerau

Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Minister for Children

Minister of Corrections

Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education)



13 September 2022

Mr Harry Peterson

via email: fyi-request-19806-19a3f4c5@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Mr Peterson,

We are responding to your official information request made to the Cabinet Office on 2 July 2022. Your request was for:

“... a record of times ‘Whangārei’, or ‘Whangarei’, was been mentioned in Cabinet papers from the date beginning 26 October 2017 to present.”

On 14 July 2022, the Cabinet Office consulted with you to refine your request due to its broad scope. You agreed to refine your request to:

“Only the mention of Whangārei pertaining to funding decisions within Cabinet.”

On 25 July 2022, the Cabinet Office consulted with you again to refine your request further due to a substantial amount of material potentially being within scope. You agreed to refine your request further to:

“All documents and Cabinet papers mentioning Whangārei in relation to infrastructure and health funding decisions from the date beginning October 2017.”

On 27 July 2022, the Cabinet Office extended their time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days. The Cabinet Office subsequently transferred part of your request to the office of Hon Kelvin Davis under s 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 (**the Act**), as part of the request is more closely connected to Minister Davis' ministerial functions.

We have considered your request in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

One Cabinet paper from Hon Kelvin Davis' portfolios has been identified to be within scope of your request, *Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori Education: Te Pae Roa Report*. This paper has been proactively released and is available on the Ministry of Education website here: [Growing Māori Medium Education – Education in New Zealand](#).

We are therefore refusing your request under s 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available.

We encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with this Office. Alternatively, you have the right to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

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