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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2024-0325

I refer to your official information request received on 18 October 2024 where you have asked:

“This is a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

On 18 January 2022 a request for information relating to the issues of workplace bullying and sexual harassment at the Ministry of Justice was made under the Official Information Act 1982 to Kris Faafoi. The request for the information was refused. After discussion with the Office of the Ombudsman, a fresh set of requests is was made.

This resulted in a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 from the following agencies:

The Ministry of Justice

The Office of the Minister of Justice

Department of Internal Affairs

The Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

The information requested was all information relating to the issue of workplace bullying and sexual harassment occurring within the Waitangi Tribunal Unit (the body within the Ministry of Justice that provides administrative and support services to the Waitangi Tribunal -not the Waitangi Tribunal itself), since 2017.

This request included all the papers or documents relating to each respective Minister of Justice and Associate Minister of Justice since 2017.

After these requests were made discussions with a former Minister of Justice indicated that they believed that employment issues with the Waitangi Tribunal were overseen by Te Puni Kokiri.

This request is for all information relating to the issues of workplace bullying and sexual harassment of staff by senior staff at the Waitangi Tribunal from the date 1 January 2016.”

Information not held

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission does not hold the information requested. Upon receipt of your request, we consulted with Te Puni Kōkiri regarding transferring your request to them for response. Te Puni Kōkiri confirmed they do not oversee employment issues within the Waitangi Tribunal Unit, therefore we have not sought transfer of your request to them.

We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds the information requested is not held by Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz.

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.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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