



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: PSCR 2024-0084

I refer to your official information request received on 17 November 2024 where you asked:

“Question 1: What is Mana Ahuriri claiming on this hillside, and why should this property be handed to the Iwi? I would like specific historic details related to this corner of Cootie Road and Marine Parade (1.6 hectares). What is the Iwi’s history on the hillside? Other than the explanation provided here: https://issuu.com/heritagenz/docs/heritagenz_162/s/13168447?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR0LD8BA7mFS-Pp85RTA6mRnybviG22KRYACjh0xdyhlZjyUoDi89su-U4_aem_f-UFB49dTSpiGRKN4Gr6pQ, I have not identified specific Maori activity on this particular property. I would like specific claim details of this area.

Question 2: How much money has been spent on maintaining the Old Napier Prison in the last five years? Please provide a breakdown of all running and maintenance costs to determine the average yearly expenditure on the prison's maintenance over the last 25 years.

Question 3: I understand that LINZ is addressing repairs to the inner prison retaining wall. What other damages to the property or buildings will be fixed before the transfer to the Iwi? Please list these repairs that need to be completed. What are the projected costs and timelines for these repairs? Are you intending to remove these trees and repair the limestone wall on Marine Parade as well as the historic track up that hillside?

Question 4: What is the Iwi’s future management plan for this prison, and how do they intend to maintain it if they acquire the property?

Question 5: How does Mana Ahuriri plan to utilise this heritage property, and will it be open or accessible to the public? If not, why?

Question 6: Does Mana Ahuriri believe they can better care for the prison? Why is it important for the Iwi to be involved in the fate and preservation of this unique colonial and prison/maritime history in Napier?”

Our response

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission does not hold the information you have requested.

In these circumstances, we are required to transfer your request under section 14(b) of the Official Information Act 1982 to the agency we believe holds the information. While consulting with Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) for the purposes of the transfer, they advised that they have received the same request directly from you and will be responding to you. Therefore, we do not see it necessary to formally transfer your request on this occasion.

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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