



13 February 2019



Dear 

Reference: OIA-2018/19-0306

**Official Information Act request relating to koha/donations and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in 2017/18 financial year**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 23 November 2018 and clarified on 27 November 2018. You requested:

*"...the following information for the 2017/18 financial year*

- 1. The total amount spent by the Ministry/ Government Department on koha.*
- 2. The names of all parties which received koha from the Ministry/ Government Department.*
- 3. The total amount spent by the Ministry/ Government Department on any other donations.*
- 4. The names of all parties which received a donation from the Ministry/ Government Department. ..."*

The time limit for deciding on your request was extended on 20 December 2018 by an additional 20 working days. The extension was required because of the consultations to make a decision on your request.

**1. The total amount spent by DPMC on koha.**

The below table details the total amount incurred by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), and the names of parties who received Koha from DPMC in the 2017/18 financial year. Please note that this does not include non-departmental expenditure including koha paid as part of the Governor-General's programme within New Zealand.

<b>Name of parties</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Te Pahou Marae (Manutuke, Gisborne)	<b>\$500.00</b>
Kopinga Marae (Chatham Islands)	<b>\$80.00</b>
Koha to National Disaster Management Office staff during visits to Niue and Samoa	<b>\$120.00</b>
Kaumatua performing Mihi Whakatau at the MCDEM National Emergency Management Conference	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>

**2. The names of all parties which received koha from DPMC**

As stated in response to question one. The names of the National Disaster Management Office staff and kaumatua who performed a Mihi Whakatau at the MCDEM National Emergency Management Conference are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. The \$500 contribution was for the tangi of a long-standing cultural adviser to Prime Ministers and Governors General.

**3. The total amount spent by DPMC on any other donations.**

No other donations are recorded in our financial systems.

**4. The names of all parties which received a donation from DPMC**

Please refer to our answer for question three.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Finally, for your information a copy of this letter will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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