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OIA-2024-4919

17 March 2024

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Dear ██████████

I refer to your email of 13 February 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

I note on NZDF's social media that an NZDF catering team provided catering services at Te Tii Marae as part of Waitangi Day 2024.

I request:

- 1. Email correspondence relating to the support between NZDF and whichever entity requested that support.*
- 2. Confirmation of what budget NZDF catering applied towards that support.*

Correspondence between the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and Te Puni Kokiri is enclosed. Information is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA, and in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of individuals. Contact details are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(k) of the OIA to avoid the malicious or inappropriate use of staff information, such as phishing, scams or unsolicited advertising.

The NZDF supports up to three Hui of National Significance annually under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NZDF and Te Puni Kokiri. Costs incurred by the NZDF in supporting Hui of National Significance are invoiced back to Te Puni Kokiri. Waitangi Day 2024 was a Hui of National Significance. Costs associated with the NZDF's catering support for the event were approximately \$34,500 excluding the salaries of personnel involved.

- 3. Email correspondence internal to NZDF that discusses whether providing the support is appropriate and/or lawful.*
- 4. In particular, any correspondence that discusses whether providing the support is appropriate in light of DFO 1's provisions relating to not providing support where commercial businesses are able to do so.*

The above aspects of your request are declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the NZDF does not hold any relevant emails.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

AJ WOODS

Air Commodore

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

Enclosure(s):

1. Email correspondence between NZDF and Te Puni Kokiri

From: s. 6(a)
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2024 6:19 p.m.
To: s. 6(a)
Cc: s. 6(a)
Subject: FW: Letter requesting support for Waitangi Commemorations

s. 6(a)

As discussed, it has just come in.

Nāku noa, nā.

s. 6(a)

s. 6(a) (he/him)
Personal Staff Officer to Chief Defence Force
HQ NZDF, Defence House, 34 Bowen Street, Pipitea, Wellington 6011
(Private Bag 39997, Wellington Mail Centre, Lower Hutt 5045)
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s. 9(2)(a)

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From: Harriette Mangin [mailto:Harriette.Mangin@tpk.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2024 6:16 p.m.
To: Short, Kevin, AM s. 9(2)(k); s. 6(a)
Cc: s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(k); Hugh McAslan
<Hugh.McAslan@tpk.govt.nz>; Gemma Graves <Gemma.Graves@tpk.govt.nz>
Subject: Letter requesting support for Waitangi Commemorations

Tēnā koe Sir

Please see attached letter from Dave Samuels, Secretary of Te Puni Kōkiri.

Nāku noa, nā
Harriette

Harriette Mangin (she/her)
Executive Officer | Pou Herenga
Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Tari Matua



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29 January 2024

Air Marshal Kevin Short
Chief of Defence Force
Defence House
34 Bowen Street
Wellington

Tēnā koe Kevin

Request for support hosting Waitangi commemorations

As you know, and as the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Te Puni Kōkiri and New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) records, Waitangi commemorations around 6 February are deemed a hui of national significance. The MOU outlines that, if requested, the NZDF will provide support to assist the community to meet their hosting obligations.

Waitangi commemorations will be held over 4 days at Te Tii Marae in Waitangi with approximately 2000 people expected to be hosted by Ngāti Rahiri and Ngāti Kawa hapū at the Marae.

Ngāti Rahiri and Ngāti Kawa have formally requested that the NZDF provide logistical support for the commemorations.

The hapū have requested assistance from the NZDF for catering support for approximately 2000 people from 3 February to 6 February. This could include:

- A chiller
- Catering equipment and staff to run it

I note that the current estimation of attendees may change as more information becomes available.

Subject to your agreement, Te Rōpu Poa, Regional Director, Te Puni Kōkiri will support liaison between Te Tii Marae and your team to confirm the specific details of assistance required from the NZDF.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Samuels".

Dave Samuels
Secretary for Māori Development



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From: Aiyana Matatia [mailto:Aiyana.Matatia@tpk.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2024 12:37 p.m.
To: s. 6(a)
Cc: isaiah.apiata@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Support to Waitangi [UNCLASSIFIED]

Kia ora s. 6(a)

Thank you for clarifying your pātai – I have cc'd in our contact person at Te Tii marae Isaiah Apiata who will hopefully be able to assist with your query.

Ngā mihi,

Aiyana Matatia
*Regional Business Analyst & Executive
Assistant, Tai Tokerau
Whangārei*



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Waea Whakaahua F: 0800 875 888

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From: s. 6(a)
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Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:28 PM
To: Aiyana Matatia <Aiyana.Matatia@tpk.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Support to Waitangi [UNCLASSIFIED]

Kia ora Aiyana,

Our first important question is around the number of people expected to be hosted at Te Tii Marae and where NZDF would fit in.

The request mentions approx. 2000 people. Can we get a confirmation that this is the total estimated number and NZDF would be supporting a proportion of that amongst already established capability at Te Tii Marae?

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From: Aiyana Matatia [mailto:Aiyana.Matatia@tpk.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2024 12:10 p.m.
To: Gemma Graves <Gemma.Graves@tpk.govt.nz>;
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Cc: Te Rōpu Poa <TeRopu.Poa@tpk.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Support to Waitangi [UNCLASSIFIED]

Tēnā koe s. 6(a)

Happy to help – Please advise how you would like to proceed.

Ngā mihi,

Aiyana Matatia
*Regional Business Analyst & Executive
Assistant, Tai Tokerau*
Whangārei



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From: Gemma Graves <Gemma.Graves@tpk.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:05 PM
To: s. 6(a)
Cc: Te Rōpu Poa <TeRopu.Poa@tpk.govt.nz>; Aiyana Matatia <Aiyana.Matatia@tpk.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Support to Waitangi [UNCLASSIFIED]

Kia ora s. 6(a)

Te Rōpu Poa s. 9(2)(a), Regional Director, is the TPK lead for this mahi. Te Rōpu is in wananga until later this afternoon but Aiyana Matatia s. 9(2)(a) is available to either connect you directly with the marae or to facilitate your urgent questions/answers.

Both Te Rōpu and Aiyana are copied to this email.

Ngā mihi, Gemma

Gemma Graves
Chief Advisor

**Office of the Deputy Secretary,
Regional Partnerships & Operations**

Waea Pūkoro M: +64 27 227 5360



From: s. 6(a)
s. 6(a)
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:53 AM
To: Gemma Graves <Gemma.Graves@tpk.govt.nz>
Subject: Support to Waitangi [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Gemma,

We have received the letter requesting support and working on what can be achieved now.

Do you have the contact details for the lead at Te Puni Kōkiri for the support as we have some urgent questions we need to work through.

Thanks

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Assistant Director Strategic Commitments - Domestic, Strategic Commitments and Engagements Branch
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