

24 January 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 9 January 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

All communication between the Ministry for Culture and Heritage and “Stuff Limited” concerning the promotion and use of te reo Māori, including – but not limited to – communications related to “NZ on Air” grants (the “Public Interest Journalism Fund”) and other financial grants to “Stuff Limited”.

For context, Stuff Limited operates independently of government, thus decisions, such as the use of te reo are made without direction from government or ministers. A search of our records has found no communications from the Ministry to Stuff Limited regarding their use of te reo, including in communications related to New Zealand on Air, or the Public Interest Journalism Fund.

As you may be aware, New Zealand on Air | Irirangi Te Motu is an Autonomous Crown Entity, which is subject to the Official Information Act in its own right. You may find the following link helpful: <https://www.nzonair.govt.nz/about/make-official-information-request/>

However, in the interests of providing you with the totality of information that may relate to your request, the Ministry is releasing two email exchanges to you and one document, subject to a small amount of information redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons. This material discusses the use of te reo Māori by the Ministry as requested by Stuff and does not relate to any requirements for Stuff Limited (or any media entities) to use te reo for the reasons previously noted. Please find these documents and communications enclosed.

Appendix 1: Email - Pou Tiaki, Stuff: Māori Language Plan

Appendix 2: Email - Te Ara Reo Māori Language Plan September 2020

Appendix 3: Document - Te Ara Reo Māori Language Plan September 2020

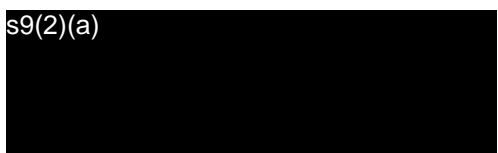
If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oiia@mch.govt.nz.

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 Ministry's website.

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Pou Mataaho o Te Iho - Deputy Chief Executive, Organisational Performance

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