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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 9 December 2024, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You requested the following information:

1. How does your organisation define Māori data as opposed to non-Māori data?
2. Does your organisation have Māori Data Sovereignty and or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy? If yes, I request a copy.
3. I also request a copy of your organisation Data Governance strategy/policy/policies?
4. Has your organisation had with any success or no/limited success, implementation of any Māori Data Sovereignty Principles or Māori Data Governance? If yes, please provide details of the implementation and how you measured its success.
5. How many fte are allocated to Māori Data practices in your organisation?
6. What country/countries are the majority of your organisation's data stored?
7. Which Cloud Provider(s) do you use?

Question 1:

Manatū Taonga defines Māori data as any information held by the Ministry which is of importance to Māori. This encompasses:

- Information related to the administration of the Protected Objects Act 1975, particularly in respect of ngā taonga tūturu.
- Treaty of Waitangi / Tiriti o Waitangi settlements, and settlement commitments.
- Information relating to Te Tai Treaty Settlement Stories programme, which aims to increase understanding of the past by exploring Treaty settlements and their enduring impact.
- Information relating to the Mātauranga Māori Te Awe Kōtuku programme, which funded initiatives from 2020 to 2024 to support iwi, hapū, whānau, and Māori communities in safeguarding at-risk mātauranga.
- Information relating to the repatriation of kōiwi tangata and kōimi tangata/kōimi tchakat, as part of the Ministry's work with Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand to repatriate ancestral human remains to source communities.
- Information collected for other funding purposes, including support for Matariki celebrations, the Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund, Whiria Te Mahara New Zealand History Grants, Ngā Kōrero Tuku Iho, New Zealand

Oral History Grants, and other initiatives.

- Information about the management of graves and memorials, including Māori war graves, historic graves, and national memorials.
- Information published on our public facing websites for the purposes of providing a comprehensive and authoritative guide to New Zealand's people, environment, history, culture, and society, including teara.govt.nz, nzhistory.govt.nz, 28maoribattalion.org.nz and ngatapuwaee.govt.nz
- Information acquired through research and evaluation activities which contain responses by or data relating to Māori participants

Question 2:

Manatū Taonga does not have a Māori Data Sovereignty strategy, but our broader Information Management Strategy published in August 2023 includes Māori data priorities. Please find a copy of this strategy attached.

Specifically, Initiative 20: *Identify information held by Manatū Taonga that is of importance to Māori* lays out the intended outcomes relating to Māori data sovereignty.

Manatū Taonga was involved in the Crown Thought Leadership Group as part of the Māori Data Governance work led by Data Iwi Leaders Group and Statistics New Zealand in 2021. This co-design process produced Tawhiti Nuku, which presents the outcomes of the workshop including the Māori Data Governance Model. For more information, please see data.govt.nz/toolkit/data-governance/maori

As well, Manatū Taonga has contributed to Te Tumu mō te Pae Tawhiti, a cross-agency work programme responding to the Wai 262 claim. This programme, led by Te Puni Kōkiri, includes work on Māori data governance and intellectual property. For more information, please see www.tpk.govt.nz/en/a-matou-whakaarotau/te-ao-maori/te-pae-tawhiti/te-tumu-mo-te-pae-tawhiti

Question 3:

Refer to the Information Management Strategy (August 2023) attached.

Specifically, please see principles 1 and 2, and initiatives 4, 13, 20, and 27. Please note that some pages have not been included as they are out of scope of this request.

Question 4:

As described in Question 2, the Ministry's Information Strategy includes Māori data sovereignty principles. Manatū Taonga does not currently measure the success of individual initiatives in the Information Strategy.

The Ministry takes advice and guidance from the Government Chief Digital Office (GCDO) on measures to consider implementing to manage, care for and govern its Māori data collections.

Question 5:

No staff have been allocated solely for Māori Data practices. We are unable to

report the amount of staff time in this area as Manatū Taonga does not use timesheets or similar recording methods.

Question 6:

Most Ministry data is stored in New Zealand and Australia, with information related to Commonwealth War Graves stored in Canada.

Question 7:

Manatū Taonga uses the following Cloud Providers:

- Datacom Cloud Services for Government (DCSG)
- Microsoft
- Catalyst Cloud (NZ)
- Amazon Web Services.

Information being released

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the Information Management Strategy August 2023. Some information has been deleted where it is not within the scope of your request, as agreed by you in an email on 16 January 2025.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA@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.

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