



16 April 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), transferred to Inland Revenue from the office of the Minister of Revenue, Hon Simon Watts, on 11 April 2025. You requested the following:

Copies of any reports, briefings, letters, aide memoire, cabinet papers, notes, advice and emails related to:

- a) The total spend within your portfolio, specific to our region (Ngāti Rangi);*
- b) The spend referred to in (a) broken down by services, programmes and providers including iwi and Māori organisations;*
- c) Any other expenditure or activities associated with Ngāti Rangi since 10 March 2018; broken down by date and personnel.*

Inland Revenue captures expenditure through cost centres, which can be refined to a specific segment or function within Inland Revenue. However, as these cost centres do not have a geographic indicator, we are unable to determine expenditure by region.

Inland Revenue also does not collate ethnicity information, nor the level of detail required to identify all customers within an iwi or hapū.

As such, your request for any reports, briefings, letters, aide memoires, Cabinet papers, notes, advice, or emails related to the total spend within the Ngāti Rangi region, a breakdown of this spend, and any other expenditure or activities associated with Ngāti Rangi since 10 March 2018 is refused under section 18(e), as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist.

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: commissionerscorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman for a review

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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