

18 July 2022

Dear			

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 17 June 2022. You requested the following:

Has the Department engaged, given consideration to engaging or been approached to engage, any of the entities or natural persons below, in respect of providing any services? This includes any of these natural persons representing, or purporting to represent, any other entities on behalf of them, e.g. iwis.

- Ka Awatea Services Ltd
- Kawai Catalyst Ltd
- William Gannin Ormsby
- Tamoko Ormsby
- Waimirirangi Ormsby

Please limit the scope of my request to the period since 25 September 2017.

If the answer to the above question is 'yes', please confirm and/or provide:

- 1. whether a contract was ultimately awarded?
- 2. if a contract was awarded, what was the financial value(s)?

3. if a contract was awarded, that contract(s) itself and the procurement document that detailed the consideration and decision to award it.

On 30 June 2022, you clarified your request to define "engaged" as payments made over \$10,000 to any of the names on the list you have provided. You also clarified "given consideration to engaging or been approached to engage" as contact with either Procurement staff, or a dedicated or specialist staff member or team with a Māori dynamic.

Information being released

Inland Revenue has not entered into a contract or issued a purchase order for any of the entities or natural persons on the list you have provided for any goods or services.

Inland Revenue has no record of engaging any of the entities or natural persons on the list you have provided in respect of providing any services for a value of \$10,000 or more.

We have checked with current staff members in Commercial Services, Policy & Regulatory Stewardship and in teams working on the wider Māori customer landscape and Māori customer strategy development. They have no record or knowledge of Inland Revenue having given consideration to engaging, or engaging with, any of the names on the list you have provided. Nor do they have any record or knowledge of having been approached to engage with any of names on the list you have provided.

Publishing of OIA response

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. We consider this response is of public interest so will publish this response in due course. Your personal details or any information that would identify you will be removed prior to it being published.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

