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8 July 2024

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Response to your Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 2 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The total staff sent to courses run by Unity House Ltd trading as the Pakeha Project in each of the last three years.*
 - *Please break this down by year.*
 - *Please indicate what course/workshop/training each staff member was involved in is called.*
- *The total spent on sending staff to these courses over the last three years.*
 - *Please break this down by year*
- *The value of any other funding provided to Unity House and/or the Pakeha Project, broken down by date, funding purpose and amount.*
- *Please give the reasoning behind staff been sent on these courses and whether it was compulsory or not.*
- *Please provide a copy of all documentation that explains what the Pakeha Project, or any associated courses/training is, whether produced in house or provided to your agency. Including internal messages relating to the programme.*
- *Please provide any measurable outcomes from your agency's*

I have interpreted the scope of your request to be for information held regarding:

- the number of staff who have attended courses run by Unity House Ltd or Pakeha Project for each year, over the last three years
- the total spent on courses run by Unity House Ltd or Pakeha Project for each year, over the last three years

- any funding provided by Aroturuki Tamariki to Unity House Ltd or Pakeha Project, including the date provided and the purpose of the funding
- reason for staff attendance on courses run by Unity House Ltd or Pakeha Project
- whether staff attendance was compulsory for courses run by Unity House Ltd or Pakeha Project
- any information held regarding courses run by Unity House Ltd or Pakeha Project, including internal messages related to the programme
- any measurable outcomes regarding courses run by Unity House Ltd or Pakeha Project.

No Independent Children's Monitor | Aroturuki Tamariki staff have attended courses run by, and no information is held on, Unity House Ltd or Pakeha Project therefore your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, *that that the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.*

The Independent Children's Monitor operated as a business unit of the Ministry of Social Development prior to our establishment as a departmental agency on 1 May 2023. We understand that no information related to your request is captured for the Independent Children's Monitor prior to 1 May 2023 as indicated in the Ministry of Social Development's response to you.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Independent Children's Monitor publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#). If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact us on info@aroturuki.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui



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