



2 March 2023

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Reference: OIA-2022/23-0556

Dear [Redacted]

**Official Information Act request for funding a New Zealand Response team in the Waikato**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 8 February 2023. You requested:

*“How much money has the Waikato Emergency Management group received from the government to fund a New Zealand Response Team in its region and how has this money been spent?”*

Note that we can only provide a response based on information held by DPMC.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), a Departmental agency within DPMC does not provide any direct funding to Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) Groups for New Zealand Response Teams (NZRT). Each team is funded by its owner, which could either be a Council or independent Trust or Society. NZRT6, the team located in the Waikato, is owned by the Taupo District Council. For more information regarding NZRT6, please contact the Taupo District Council: <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/>

I note that NEMA does administer a CDEM training fund, on behalf of the Tertiary Education Commission, which it distributes to CDEM Groups.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response may be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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