



12 November 2025

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0288

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

**Official Information Act request relating to Funding to Te Arawa/Ngati Whakaue**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 3 November 2025. You requested:

*1. Has the following funding/subsidies/grants been confirmed and paid to Te Arawa/Ngati Whakaue, if so and if not, please provide dates of when it has been/or will be paid and to which entity?*

*55 - Shovel Ready Funding for Roothing & Maori Land Development - Wharenui Road and State Highway 30  
52.21 - Government Funding - Wai Ariki Spa  
38 - Provincial Growth Fund Loan - Wai Ariki Spa  
40 - Labour Government - Manawa Gardens  
19.8 - Manawa Gardens - Stage 1  
28.47 - Manawa Gardens - Stage 2  
2.5 - Te Arawa Lakes Trust - Jobs for Nature*

*\$235.98m*

*2. Has the government paid any other grants, subsidies or funding to any of the following trusts, and if so, please provide dates and payment amounts and to which entity?*

*Te Arawa Lakes Trust  
Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust  
Te Taumata O Ngati Whakaue Trust  
Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust  
Ngati Whakaue Tribal Lands Trust  
Ngati Whakaue Assets Trust*

We can only respond to your request under the Act with information that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) holds. Te Arawa/Ngati Whakaue is not subject to the Act, therefore we are not able to transfer part [1] of your request to them for response under the Act. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation we have no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

Regarding part [2] of your request, DPMC has not paid any grants, subsidies or funding to any of the trusts you have listed above.

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

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Nāku noa, nā



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