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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email, received on 25 March 2025, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information on Taulanga U. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I have responded to each part of your request below.

*Details of all contracts between the Ministry and Taulanga U.*

Oranga Tamariki has not entered into any contracts with Taulanga U.

As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, on the grounds that the information requested is not held by Oranga Tamariki, nor is it held by another department.

*Any and all briefings, aide memoires, memorandums and advice provided to the Minister about Taulanga U.*

No such documents have been provided to the Minister for Children. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, on the grounds that the requested documents do not exist.

*Details of funding allocated to Taulanga U and reports. of spending.*

One financial engagement between Oranga Tamariki and Taulanga U has been identified, namely a \$20,000 grant to support a Pacific response to COVID-19 in Auckland so that fanau, children, young people and elders felt safe and connected.

*Any and all communication between Taulanga U and the Ministry.*

An email search was undertaken to try and identify materials in scope of your request. However, your request covers a significant timeframe, and the search captured over a thousand emails. This included a significant number of emails sent by other government departments, which Oranga Tamariki and Taulanga U both received, on matters such as COVID-19 relief or community engagements.

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We note your response of 23 April 2025 to our request to refine this timeframe. However, we have determined that this refined timeframe still captures a significant volume of material. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, on the grounds that assessing and preparing the materials required for this part of your request would require substantial manual collation.

*Any internal assessments, evaluations, or audits conducted by or for the Ministry relating to Taulanga U, including performance or compliance monitoring.*

In relation to the COVID-19 grant, a report outlining the use of the money was submitted by Taulanga U as part of the terms of the funding. However, we have been unable to locate this document.

As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, on the grounds that the requested document, despite reasonable effort, cannot be found.

*Any complaints, concerns, or issues raised internally or externally (including by staff, students, or third parties) regarding Taulanga U, and the Ministry's response.*

We have not identified any complaints received by Oranga Tamariki regarding Taulanga U.

As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, on the grounds that the information requested is not held by Oranga Tamariki, nor is it held by another department.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

I trust you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Oranga Tamariki. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.



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