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Tēnā koe

Request for official information: information sources for the Ngāti Maniapoto Treaty settlement

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 November 2021 to the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The Minister's office transferred the following part of your request under section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA to Te Arawhiti on the 22 November 2021 as the appropriate agency to provide an answer:

- a) *Where did the Crown researchers obtain their information to allow this claim to proceed costing the taxpayers \$177 million?*

A response to your request is set out below.

The information was based on the following Waitangi Tribunal (Tribunal) reports and the evidence presented to the Tribunal:

- Te Mana Whatu Ahuru of Te Rohe Potae Parts I – II (10 September 2018)
- Te Mana Whatu Ahuru of Te Rohe Potae Part III (4 June 2019)
- Te Mana Whatu Ahuru of Te Rohe Potae Part IV & V (18 December 2019)
- The Maniapoto Mandate Inquiry Report (25 September 2020)
- Te Mana Whatu Ahuru of Te Rohe Potae Part VI (22 December 2020).

The reports are available at the following web address: <https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/WT/reports.html>.

Te Arawhiti has a proactive release programme for OIA responses. After considering our response to your request, we can advise that it will be published no earlier than 20 working days from the date of this letter at www.tearawhiti.govt.nz. Your personal and other identifying information will be removed.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or phone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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