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**Official Information Act request: Te reo Māori funding**

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to the funding of te reo Māori in the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) Specifically, you requested:

*Please provide me with the total amount of funding allocated for the development of Te Reo in your ministry and affiliated organizations since the beginning of the new government in 2020, along with a breakdown of how this allocated funding has been utilized or distributed.*

On 11 October 2023, the Ministry sent you a decision letter granting your request, and advising we needed more time to finalise the information for release, and that the information would be provided to you as soon as practicable.

Te Tāhū o te Ture - Ministry of Justice is committed to recognising and valuing te reo Māori.

Attached to this letter is Table 1, which provides a breakdown of the Ministry's budgeted funding for te reo Māori development for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years. The Ministry's Annual Reports since 2011 are available at: [justice.govt.nz/about/about-us/corporate-publications/](https://justice.govt.nz/about/about-us/corporate-publications/)

Information for 2019/20 and 2020/21 is not available because te reo Māori development funding was included as part of an overall learning and development budget, and not separately identified. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kel-Wat', is shown on a light-colored background.

Kelvin Watson  
**Deputy Secretary, Corporate & Digital Services**

**Table 1: Breakdown of the Ministry of Justice funding allocation for the development of te reo Māori for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years (excluding GST)**

| Te Kokenga/Kōkiri                         | 2021/22          | 2022/23          |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Te Rito e-learning module licence         | \$10,500         | \$10,500         |
| Kōkiri app updates and annual shelf costs | \$25,000         | \$25,000         |
| Rea Wānanga                               | \$108,000        | \$108,000        |
| E Tiu, tōku reo                           | -                | \$50,000         |
| Te-Pou Whakamanawa                        | \$89,600         | \$110,000        |
| Kura Reo                                  | \$25,000         | -                |
| <b>Totals</b>                             | <b>\$258,100</b> | <b>\$303,500</b> |

Notes for Table 1:

- Te Rito is a series of interactive online modules that include te reo Māori. The Ministry pays an annual licence for staff access.
- The Kōkiri app is an educational online application, which includes resources to help develop te reo Māori
- Rea Wānanga is a series of online interactive sessions. There are four sessions each in Poutama (level) 1 and Poutama 2; each session lasts for one hour.
- E Tiu, tōku reo was similar to Rea Wānanga, but delivered by a different provider.
- Te-Pou Whakamanawa is a 12-week paired coaching programme (two people each session with a coach) for leaders that incorporates te reo Māori practice.
- Kura Reo is a full-immersion residential programme which incorporates te reo.