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Our ref: OIA 107633

Tēnā koe Section 9(2)(a)

Official Information Act request: Artificial Intelligence Advisory Group

Thank you for your email of 28 September 2023 to the Office of the Chief Justice requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding Māori/Te Tiriti input to the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Group.

Whilst the courts are not subject to the Act under section 2(6)(a), your request was provided to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) on 3 October 2023. The Artificial Intelligence Advisory Group is a judicial group which has sought a variety of input. The Ministry is only able to respond with regard to input from the Ministry. Specifically, you requested:

I request Courts under the OIA provide all the relevant information for the public to get a well-rounded understanding of what input there has been, and what has been done with that input, and as part of that I request release in searchable and copyable format of
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- 1. A list of all 'Māori/Te Tiriti input ... gathered both during the development phase and the consultation process' – listing who was consulted, about what, on what dates*
- 2. The three most substantive documents, records or similar of any kind, best illustrating that 'input' and/or discussions arising from it, also anything following on from it including recommendations, or further work*

In response to parts 1 and 2 of your request, the Ministry has not provided any Māori/Te Tiriti input to the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Group, other than sharing the guidance from central agencies with the group, which recommends engagement with Te Tiriti partners. This guidance is publicly available and can be located on the Department of Internal Affairs website at: digital.govt.nz/assets/Standards-guidance/Technology-and-architecture/Generative-AI/Joint-System-Leads-tactical-guidance-on-public-service-use-of-GenAI-September-2023.pdf

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/

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

Nāku noa, nā

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

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Deputy Secretary, Corporate and Digital Services