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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

I refer to your email of 6 May 2008 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**):

"all funding made to Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa Trust Board (Kahukuraariki Trust Board), when and for what. All receipts etc provided by Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa Trust Board (Kahukuraariki Trust Board) to OTS justifying their expenditure"

Please find attached a table listing the attached documents released to you under the Act in response to your request (**Appendix A**). Please note that where parts of documents have been withheld, this is noted, and the relevant withholding sections identified, in Appendix 1. Under section 28(3) of the Act you may, if you wish, write to the Ombudsman seeking an investigation and review of this decision.

Claimant Funding Policy

In order to assist you as you read the documents released to you, I thought it might be useful to set out the Crown's policy for providing claimant funding contributions for Treaty settlement negotiations.

The Crown makes what it considers to be a reasonable contribution to the expenses a claimant group's mandated representatives incur in negotiating an historical Treaty settlement. This contribution is separate to the cash or assets that will eventually transfer to the claimant group as part of their settlement. Claimant funding is not intended to cover all the expenses incurred by a claimant group during negotiations but is intended to contribute to key milestones in the negotiation process.

Claimant funding is distributed across negotiations and specified amounts are allocated to the key negotiation milestones of 'Deed of Mandate', 'Terms of

Negotiation', 'Agreement in Principle', 'Deed of Settlement', 'Ratification' and 'Legislation and Governance'.

The size of the Crown's contribution to claimant funding is based on an assessment of the specific features of each claimant group and the likely complexity of the claim or claims to be negotiated.

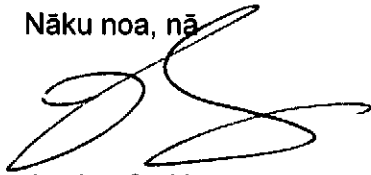
The Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations is responsible for releasing the funding in instalments upon the meeting of required milestones by the claimants.

Meeting to discuss the Ngatikahu ki Whangaroa Negotiations

In recent months, you have made several requests to the Trust Board and the Crown for information about the Crown's negotiations with Ngatikahu ki Whangaroa. If it would be useful for you, I am happy to meet with you to discuss the Crown's negotiations with Ngatikahu ki Whangaroa.

Please contact Rewi Henderson (Analyst – Policy/Negotiations) on (04) 494-9902 or rewi.henderson@justice.govt.nz to arrange a time to meet. Alternatively I can be contacted on (04) 494-9868 or justine.smith@justice.govt.nz. I look forward to hearing from you.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Justine Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Justine Smith
Manager, Policy/Negotiations