

17 October 2023

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your email received on 19 September 2023 requesting 'in relation to the Tangata Whenua Place Names maps by the New Zealand Geographic Board, clarification of:

- The cost breakdown of flights, fuel, accommodation and other travelling for meeting with iwi, Māori, historians and any other relevant persons for the purpose of the place names.
- The total amount of full-time staff working on this project, how long each person has been working on this project and the salary band for each staff member. Separated out when including contractors in any work done on this project.
- The total cost of printing, designing and any other relevant cost for creating these new maps.
- The total cost of sending these maps to every school in the country including printing, postage, organisation and any other relevant cost.

Where possible data to be presented in an Excel format in preference to other methods of presentation, for example, PDF.'

Attached electronically is a spreadsheet, which is in PDF format for security reasons, with the costs of:

- Flights, fuel, accommodation and other travelling for meeting with iwi, Māori, historians and any other relevant persons for the purpose of the place names.
- Printing, designing and other relevant costs for creating the new maps.

Please note that the name of the Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator is withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of natural persons.

On 27 September 2023 we advised that the project was done as part of business as usual, as and when required. No staff worked on the project full time, so it was not possible to break down the number of hours worked and quantify the time. Therefore, providing each staff member's salary band wouldn't reflect the cost. On 2 October 2023 you advised that salary bands could be removed from the request.

We have transferred your request to provide the total cost of sending the maps to every school in the country, including printing, postage, organisation and any other relevant cost, to the Ministry of Education who met these costs and will respond directly to you.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response and the information provided. Information about how to do this is at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this response and the information provided, please contact Wendy Shaw, Secretary for Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board at wshaw@linz.govt.nz.

Please note that this response letter outlining our decision on your request, with your personal details withheld, and the attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Haanen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Anselm Haanen
Chairperson, Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board

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