



15 July 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 2 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

This is a request for clarification of official information under the under the Official Information Act 1982 in relation to the Pakeha Project. We request the following information:

- *The total staff sent to courses run by Unity House Ltd trading as the Pakeha Project in each of the last three years.*
 - o *Please break this down by year.*
 - o *Please indicate what course/workshop/training each staff member was involved in is called.*
- *The total spent on sending staff to these courses over the last three years.*
 - o *Please break this down by year*
- *The value of any other funding provided to Unity House and/or the Pakeha Project, broken down by date, funding purpose and amount.*
- *Please give the reasoning behind staff been sent on these courses and whether it was compulsory or not.*
- *Please provide a copy of all documentation that explains what the Pakeha Project, or any associated courses/training is, whether produced in house or provided to your agency. Including internal messages relating to the programme.*
- *Please provide any measurable outcomes from your agency's*

We have conducted searches of our training records and financial systems and can confirm that the Ministry has not provided any funding to this provider and has not engaged this provider for any employee training. As such, the Ministry is refusing your request in full under section 18(e), as the information you have requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

Electronically approved by Sarah Hartley-House

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