



s 9(2)(a)



Thank you for your email of 27 July 2022 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *What was the total salary each member of the rōpū was paid for their work? Note that this includes the 3 key members, Gannin Ormsby, Teina Bossa Dean and Jacqui Forbes as well as the support team of Takomo Ormsby and Waimirirangi Ormsby, part of Kiwi Catalyst Ltd.*

- *Please ensure that salaries for each individual are separated.*
- *For any differences in salaries between members of the rōpū, please provide an explanation for the differences.*

2. *Please provide evidence that Gannin Ormsby was recommended to be part of the rōpū. (this may take the form of emails, letters etc.) Please also provide the name/s of any people who recommended him. - If that is not possible, explain why not?*

3. *A response to one of our previous questions regarding the number of applications received noted that MfE used its 'network of sector contacts to identify individuals with the relevant mana and expertise'. Please provide a reason as to why the Ministry identified individuals for the rōpū themselves instead of taking applications.*

4. *Nicki Douglas, Gina Mohi, Lelani Unasa, Rawiri Bhana as well as Kiri Reihana were among names mentioned in one of the emails attached as potential candidates for being involved in the rōpū (see pg.1-2). Were any of these names approached by MfE?*

- *For those names who were not approached, please explain why*
- *Please also mention why each of the names listed were not as suitable for the role as the rōpū members who were chosen.*

I have provided responses to your questions below.

Regarding part one of your request, please see the below table for details of the payments made for the relevant contracts:

Party	Contract value	Amount paid
Gannin Ormsby (Ka Awatea Services Ltd)	\$25,000	\$25,000.04
Jacqui Forbes (Para Kore Inc)	\$25,000	\$15,476.37
Teina Boasa Dean (BH Lands Trust)	\$25,000	\$16,304.00
Waimirirangi and Tāmoko Ormsby (Kawai Catalyst Ltd)	\$65,000	\$59,374.15

Please note that these are final dollar payments for the work undertaken, as the rōpū members were not paid a salary. Kawai Catalyst was paid more as the contract covered the work of two people. These two people were responsible for more of the research, writing and organisational tasks.

Part two of your request has been answered in the Ministry's previous response to you. Please refer to the emails provided in OIAD-296 for evidence of Gannin Ormsby's recommendation.

Regarding part three of your request, it was considered appropriate to identify suitable individuals given the limited pool of people who would have the necessary depth of expertise in waste, circular economy thinking and mātauranga Māori. This decision is accepted in the Ministry's procurement process for cases where specialist technical expertise is required.

Regarding part four of your request, the people you refer to had attended a circular economy summit. As the waste strategy was looking at moving from waste to circular economy approaches, these names were presented as possible options for rōpū members but were not directly contacted. The Ministry was also seeking a combination of knowledge and experience in addition to circular economy that also included waste minimisation, education, climate, and mātauranga Māori. Teina Boasa Dean, Jacqui Forbes and Gannin Ormsby were identified as having the required combination of skills. These members were also already exploring the connections between the circular economy and te ao Māori.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information 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



Glenn Wigley
Director - Policy and Regulatory, Waste and Resource Efficiency