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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 1 June 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Kia ora, can you please provide, the locations and dates and attendance numbers and Hapu/iwi present at the second Hui in February 2020 or feedback on the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity

This was mentioned in the page below

Also can you please provide the same details for the first set of Hui

<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/he-kura-koio-a-i-hokia-a-proposed-national-policy-statement-for-indigenous-biodiversity-summary-of-submissions/>

Hui with iwi/hapū

Ministry for the Environment and DOC staff attended hui across the country with iwi/hapū, meeting with approximately 200 attendees in February 2020. Feedback from this second set of

hui is outlined in the section 'What we heard from iwi/Māori'.

These hui were held in Wanganui, Tauranga, Auckland, Gisborne, Napier, New Plymouth,

Wellington, Dunedin, Whangārei, Taupō, Rotorua, Hamilton, and Nelson.

We also held a hui with Waikato-Tainui.

In response to the first part of your request, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has provided the locations, dates and attendance numbers for the second round of hui in February 2020 in the table below.

I am refusing part of your request in relation to information on Hapū and iwi present at the second series of hui in February 2020 under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist. The Ministry did not gather information on which Hapū and iwi attendees were associated with at the hui.

Please note that the attendance numbers were not recorded for the Waikato-Tainui hui as it was part of a regular annual meeting.

As you were advised on 14 June 2021, the second part of your request in relation to information on the first hui has been transferred to the Department of Conservation for response under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act as the information requested is more closely connected with the functions of another department.

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



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Table of locations, dates and number of attendees at the second hui

Date	Location	Number of Attendees
3 February 2020	Whanganui	11
10 February 2020	Tauranga	10
12 February 2020	Auckland	10
12 February 2020	Waikato-Tanui	Not recorded
13 February 2020	Gisborne	25
14 February 2020	Napier	22
17 February 2020	New Plymouth	5
19 February 2020	Wellington	15
21 February 2020	Dunedin	7
24 February 2020	Whangarei	33
25 February 2020	Taupō	19
26 February 2020	Rotorua	20
28 February 2020	Nelson	6
27 March 2020	Hamilton	10

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