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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 4 April 2023 for information regarding the name of Manatū Hauora. You requested:

“Can I have a copy of the documents that changed the legal name of the Ministry of Health from the Ministry of Health to Manatū Hauora.

When you say, “As required under the Official Information Act 1982, Manatū Hauora will endeavour to respond to your request no later than 20 working days after the day your request was received” is “Manatū Hauora” a legal identity or is it just a nick-name for the Ministry of Health?”

In April 2021, Manatū Hauora undertook a refresh of its brand and visual identity guidelines. The refreshed guidelines modernised the ‘look and feel’ of the Ministry’s brand to better reflect its role as kaitiaki (steward) of the health and disability system, while also acknowledging and respecting the provenance and history behind numerous elements (some of which have been gifted to Manatū Hauora). This refresh was done inhouse.

At this time the decision was made to make our Te Reo Māori logo our primary version to reflect our commitment to Maihi Karauna, the Crown’s strategy for Māori Language Revitalisation, and a strong, thriving Māori language.

It is important to note that there has been no legal name change of Manatū Hauora. Therefore, your request for these documents is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'EBT', written in a cursive style.

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