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Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

I refer to your email of 27 August 2018 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

1. *how much money nationally is allocated each year specific to Māori Health*
2. *how this Māori Health fund is distributed, and under what criteria*
3. *how much Māori Health funding is allocated to the Northern DHB*
4. *How much in total is the national fund for Rongoa Māori*
5. *How this Rongoa fund is distributed*

District health boards (DHBs) are bulk funded to provide the full range of services to their resident populations. DHB bulk funding is allocated using a capitation-based funding model known as the Population Based Funding Formula (PBFF). The PBFF formula uses population projections for individual DHBs. These projections are broken down into:

- age; and
- ethnicity groupings (such as Māori)

The PBFF correlates allocation against historical cost and utilisation data to derive percentage allocations. These are then applied to a bulk funding pool.

Further information on the PBFF and how Māori are reflected in its calculation can be found on the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) website in a detailed technical report that was compiled following the last review of the formula in 2015¹.

The table below outlines other Māori specific appropriations annually:

Programme	2018/19 '000
National Māori Health Services	6,828
Māori Health Innovation	5,000

¹ <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/population-based-funding-formula-review-2015-technical-report>

Māori Provider Development Scheme (MPDS) and Māori Health Scholarships	8,889
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The table below shows the actual amounts allocated in 2017/18 for Māori health or Māori providers in the Northland DHB area:

Programme	Amount '000
MPDS grants to Māori providers	662
Funding allocated based on Māori population	536
Māori Health within Northland DHB ¹	5,800

¹ From PBFF funding

The National Māori Health Services is allocated \$6.8 million annually. This includes the funding of \$1.9 million for rongoā Māori service. The Ministry contracts 18 providers in New Zealand to deliver rongoā Māori services. Although targeted at Māori, rongoā services are available to anyone requesting them. The total national fund is spread across all 18 providers. Providers were selected by an open tender process.

The Ministry's contracted providers must each deliver the services to a defined number of client contacts per annum. Funding for each provider is based on the number of client contacts they are contracted to deliver. These numbers vary between providers and range from 500 to a maximum of 1,500 client contacts per annum. While the providers are only obligated to deliver the contracted number of client contacts, it is not unusual for these numbers to be exceeded by providers.

I trust this information fulfills your request.

Yours sincerely



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