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By email: s 9(2)(a)  
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### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 17 May 2022 regarding the Kahukura programme. You asked:

*“We the public were advised in mid 2021 the government was providing \$2.75 million from proceeds of crime to a North Island chapter of the Mongrel Mob to run a methamphetamine rehab program... Please provide expenditure of these funds to public.”*

Applications to the Proceeds of Crime Fund are administered by the Ministry of Justice, which has released Kahukura methamphetamine rehabilitation initiative documents on their website which include the expenditure of funds here:

[www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2z6z2x-Kahukura-PROACTIVE-release-pack-KM-updated-REDACTED-V4.pdf](http://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2z6z2x-Kahukura-PROACTIVE-release-pack-KM-updated-REDACTED-V4.pdf).

The following table outlines budgeted versus actual expenditure (GST exclusive) for the delivery of the first (5 July – 10 September 2021) and second (28 September – 3 December 2021) rounds of the Kahukura programme:

Item	Budgeted	Expenditure
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$509,000</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>

Please note that actual expenditure costs have been lower than budgeted due to COVID-19 alert level restrictions coming into force during one course, and some personnel providing their services on a voluntary basis.

Most of the tangata whai ora (participants) were assessed as being more than 100 days methamphetamine free, however it is also important to note that ‘success’ in terms of recovery from alcohol and other drug harm differs for different people. The Ministry’s expected outcomes for participants of the programme are a reduction in drug harm and criminality.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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](mailto: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 Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases)

Nāku noa, nā

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