


16 April 2024



Dear Mr 

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (“OIA”) dated **3rd April 2024**.

You have requested:

1. Actual and Budgeted Expenditure:

Please provide a breakdown of the actual and budgeted expenditure on PR and Communications support for the current financial year, as well as the previous two financial years, for Te Ara Ahunga Ora.

Te Ara Ahunga Ora Retirement Commission relies on internal expertise for the majority of our communications and PR work. At times we will engage specific expertise, for example when we need a translation for Māori focussed communications releases or proof-reading and peer reviewing content with specialised financial information. Therefore, we generally have a nominal budget of up to \$10,000 for consultants/advice if/as needed.

Actual expenditure on PR and communications support		
2023/24 year to date	2022/23	2021/22
\$1,206.25	\$4,384	\$6,207

2. Procurement Process:

For each instance of expenditure on PR and Communications support, please indicate whether the services were procured through an open tender process or if it was a closed process. In accordance with the principles of the Official Information Act, I seek to understand the transparency and competitiveness of the procurement process.

Due to the low value of the engagements for PR and Communications support, Te Ara Ahunga Ora has not undertaken a tender process and has appointed individuals or companies with known expertise. This is in line with our policies and procedures. One provider (Together Communications Limited) detailed below is an All of Government Consultancy Services panel provider.

3. Service Providers:

Please provide the names of the companies, agencies, or individuals that received payment for providing PR and Communications services to Te Ara Ahunga Ora. Additionally, I request the value of the contracts awarded to each service provider.



Year	Name of company/individual	Reason for engagement/type of services	Payment amount (GST excl)
2023/24	T Waaka/Pāpaka	Annual spend on: Translation from English to Te Reo Māori of external communications and accountability publications.	\$930
2023/24	G M Christie	Annual spend on: Financial communications expertise to proof and peer review written communications	\$276.25
2022/23	G M Christie	Annual spend on: Financial communications expertise to proof and peer review written communications	\$1,040
2022/23	T Waaka/Pāpaka	Annual spend on: Translation from English to Te Reo Māori of external communications and accountability publications.	\$3,344
2021/22	Together Communications	Preparing and drafting media releases of a major financial capability research piece in absence of Director, Stakeholder Communications.	\$4,450
2021/22	G M Christie	Annual spend on: Financial communications expertise to proof and peer review written communications	\$460
2021/22	R Henderson	Writing of Sorted blog post	\$500
2021/22	T Waaka/Pāpaka	Annual spend on: Translation from English to Te Reo Māori of external communications and accountability publications.	\$797

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). Te Ara Ahunga Ora proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the Te Ara Ahunga Ora website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

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RETIREMENT COMMISSIONER / MANA AHUNGARUA

