



Ref: OIA 2024-043



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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request of 23 September 2024 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"You have this job advertised: <https://centralagenciesjobs.cass.govt.nz/the-treasury/jobdetails/ajid/McOn8/Principal-Advisor-M%C4%81ori-Economy,37984.html>

In the job description it mentions that the vacancy is related to the Maori Economy. By way of OIA request (s12) can you please provide me with all the information you have on the Maori Economy. What is the "Maori Economy" how does it differ from the non-Maori economy. Who runs it, where is it located, how much tax does it pay, and so on.

Your website also mentions that this job is in Aotearoa New Zealand. The name of our country is New Zealand. Who instructed your agency to change the name of our country or advertise under a fictional name? Please explain."

Response

It is important to note that He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission does not define what the Māori economy is. There is a body of evidence publicly available about the Māori economy that you may find useful. For example, the Business and Economic Research Limited work on the Māori economy available on their website: [Economic Insights | BERL](#) or the work undertaken by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment as the lead government agency for the Crown Māori Economic Strategy and Action Plan, available on their website: [Māori economic development | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment \(mbie.govt.nz\)](#)

Under the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA) the Commission is required to support the Crown's responsibilities as a Treaty of Waitangi partner. In undertaking our work, the Commission is required under section 5M(f) of the CCRA to consider the Crown-Māori relationship, te ao Māori and specific effects on iwi and Māori in all the advice it gives to the Government.

The CCRA also requires that, when the Government acts on our advice, it explicitly includes strategies to recognise and mitigate the impacts on iwi and Māori of policies to reduce emissions and increase the emissions removed from the atmosphere (section 3A(ad)). The Government must also consider economic,



social, health, environmental, ecological and cultural effects of climate change for iwi and Māori (section 3A(ae)). Both the Commission (section 5N of the CCRA) and the Government (sections 3A(ad) and 5ZS(6)) must also adequately consult with iwi and Māori on their advice and plans.

Information showing how the Commission considers specific effects on iwi and Māori, including economic effects, is contained in the advice and reports the Commission prepares and provides to the Government. These are available here on our [website](#).

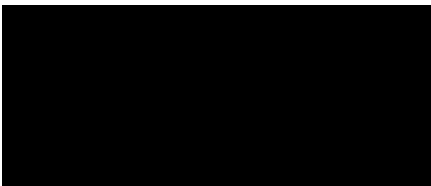
As this information is publicly available, we are relying on Section 18(d) of the Act to not provide it to you in this response.

In relation to your final question, we are able to advise that the Commission has not been instructed to change the name of this country or use "Aotearoa New Zealand" in the job advertised. The Commission chooses to include one of the official languages of Aotearoa New Zealand, te reo Māori, in our guidance and publications, including the advertised job in question.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note that the Commission proactively releases its responses to requests made under the Act. This is to help ensure others can also have access to this information. As such, this letter will shortly be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Nāku noa, nā



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