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By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/46

On Friday 8 September 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*West Auckland social services charity Waipareira Trust has agreed to cease making political donations and try to claw back hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest-free loans advanced to its chief executive - and Te Pāti Māori (TPM) president - John Tamihere.
Has this been completed.???*

The Commission is responsible for administering the requirements in the Electoral Act for parties and candidates to record and disclose donations and loans.

The Commission only holds information about donations and loans to parties or candidates disclosed under the Electoral Act. The legislation sets out the details that parties and candidates are required to disclose.

Parties file annual returns of donations and loans, and returns within 10 working days of donations exceeding \$20,000 and loans exceeding \$30,000 and candidates file returns after each election. All returns are made publicly available online [here](#), and [here](#). You have also asked for confirmation that the Waipareira Trust has ceased making political donations. All donations are made publicly available [here](#), and, as you can also find this information online your request is refused under s 18(d) of the OIA.

Please note that donations or loans relating to local elections are not reported to the Electoral Commission, as we are only responsible for parliamentary elections.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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