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Tēnā koe 9(2)

Thank you for your email, received on 10 September 2024, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information regarding Wall Walks. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Wall Walk is an interactive workshop in the form of a walkthrough of key events in the history of Aotearoa, designed to raise collective awareness of the countries past. The walk invites new and deeper consideration about particular events and their impact for Māori and for Aotearoa.

I have addressed each of your questions below.

The total number of staff sent to courses run by wall walks in each of the last three years

Please break down the number of staff sent by year.

Oranga Tamariki staff have taken part in Wall Walk sessions since March 2020. A significant number of staff from across Oranga Tamariki have taken part in these sessions, however exact numbers are not recorded centrally. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

While we have been unable to provide exact number, we estimate that over 1500 kaimahi have taken part in Wall Walks in the last three years.

Please indicate what course/workshop/training each staff member was involved is called.

As above, the Wall Walk is an interactive workshop in the form of a walkthrough of key events in the history of Aotearoa, designed to raise collective awareness of the countries past. The walk invites new and deeper consideration about particular events and their impact for Māori and for Aotearoa. The Wall Walk is intended to increase knowledge and understanding of our history to improve cultural competency of participants.

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The total amount spent on sending staff to Wall Walks courses over the last three years.

Please break the total amount spent on sending staff to Wall Walks courses down by year.

Please see the total amount spent on Wall Walks between 30 April 2021 to 31 March 2024 outlined in the table below.

Financial year	Amount spent on Wall Walks
2021/22	\$86,743.53
2022/23	\$15,836.85
2023/24	\$13,022.91
Total	\$115,603.29

Please provide emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence for the reasoning of staff being sent on these courses and specify whether participation in these courses was compulsory or not.

We have not identified specific information providing reasoning behind why staff have taken part in the Wall Walk. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under 18 (e) of the Act, as the information being requested does not exist or, despite reasonable effort to locate it, cannot be found.

The Wall Walk is not a compulsory activity for Oranga Tamariki staff.

Please provide a copy of documentation including but not limited to emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence that explains the content included in the course or description of activities undertaken through wall walks, or any associated courses/training.

It is likely information providing a description of the Wall Walk has been provided to staff who have taken part; however, this information is not held centrally and able to be retrieved without substantial collation across Oranga Tamariki sites and regions. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information cannot be made without substantial collation or research.

Please provide emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence for any measurable outcomes from your agency attending Wall Walk courses.

The value of any other funding provided to wall walks, broken down by date, funding purpose, office location and amount.

These parts of your request are refused under 18 (e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable effort to locate it, cannot be found.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

I trust you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Oranga Tamariki. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a series of loops and a long, sweeping tail that ends in a small hook.

Jane Fletcher
Acting Deputy Chief Executive
People Culture and Enabling Services