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Tēnā koe 

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 23 November 2023, in which you requested all information on:

- *Any changes to policy on the use of te reo Māori in either internal or external communications since October 13 2023*
- *Any internal communications (including emails, texts, messages and memos) relating to the use of te reo Māori since October 13 2023*
- *Any advice received or prepared on the use of te reo Māori since October 13 2023*

The second part of your request has been interpreted as seeking any internal communications (including emails, texts, messages and memos) relating to policy changes on the use of te reo Māori in communications since 13 October 2023.

Whaikaha does not have a policy relating to the use of te reo Māori in communications, and no advice has been received or prepared on this topic. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the documentation alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

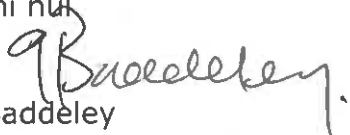
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Thank you for taking the time to write. If you wish to discuss this response with us, or if you are seeking any further information, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz).



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