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s9(2)(a)

Dear s9(2)(a)

**Official Information Act (OIA) 1982 request – payments and non-financial Koha payments to former Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao Board Chair Steve Maharey and communication between Mr Maharey and the Minister of Education and Associate Minister of Education for the past five years.**

I acknowledge receipt of your official information request to Education New Zealand, received on 5 September 2023, seeking information as below:

- Please release all payments made to Steve maharey for last 5 years
- Please release all non financial payments "koha" made to Steve maharey for the last 5 years
- Please release all commincation between Steve maharey and the education minister and associate education minister for the last two years

On 8 September 2023, you were advised that the third part of your request was transferred to the Office of the Minister of Education for a response to that particular part of your request.

In regard to point one of your request, please note that ENZ Board Member remuneration is publicly available in our Annual Reports. These can be found on our corporate website, at the following link; <https://www.enz.govt.nz/about-enz/publications/>.

Please find below further payments made to Mr Maharey for the past five financial years. Please note Mr Maharey left his position as Board Chair on 31 March 2023.

Financial years	Payments made to Steve Maharey (\$)
2022-23	682.66
2021-22	439.86
2020-21	1,462.24
2019-20	1,066.82
2018-19	1,103.90

These payments were for standard expenses incurred in the role of Board Chair. These included mileage, taxis and public transport expenses.

We can confirm Mr Maharey did not receive any non-financial 'koha' payments. As per our policy, koha is defined as:

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*Koha is generally given at Marae, Tangihanga, Pōwhiri, attendance at meetings and events, however it may also be appropriate to give koha in other settings, depending on the cultural practises of communities and cultures. It is common to give koha for service rendered such as speakers or reviewing type work etc, depending on extent and nature. Koha should reflect the mana of the kaupapa and/or the occasion and the mana of its recipients and by doing so help to build the ENZ Manapou ki te Ao relationship with Iwi Māori, hapū and/or other cultures, and as the relationship strengthens so will the mana of the Crown*

*Receiving koha*

*There may be times when a koha is given to the organisation or a staff member, acceptance of the koha is determined on a case-by-case basis and requires manager approval.*

A farewell gift was presented to Mr Maharey upon the conclusion of his term as ENZ Board Chair. However, this was not considered koha but a gift. However, for full disclosure, we can confirm that the cost of this gift was \$112.55 (inclusive of GST).

Information about how to make a complaint is available at <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where possible. We do not publish requesters' personal information. Please contact us if you have any questions about this.

Yours sincerely



Grant McPherson  
Chief Executive

Released under the Official Information Act 1982