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Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 23 July 2024, requesting the following information from Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Te Pūkenga):

How much has been budgeted to spend on the eight consultants, chosen by the Tertiary Education Commission, who will review the finances of polytechnics and technical institutes and design a strategy for disestablishing Te Pūkenga?

This letter provides a formal decision on your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The decision

As contract negotiations for the full scope of work are not complete, we are withholding this information under the following section of the OIA:

- 9(2)(j) enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

We do not believe the need to withhold this information is outweighed by the public interest in its release. However, we will be in a position at a later date to consider the release of this information if it is requested. We anticipate this information could be available for release around November 2024 when Phase 3 negotiations are expected to be complete. You may wish to make a new request around that time.

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

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gus Gilmore', with a large circular flourish above the name.

Gus Gilmore
Tumuaki | Acting Chief Executive