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Request under the Official Information Act 1982

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

At a recent roadshow in Greymouth, it was mentioned that accountants are doing reports on each polytechnic ahead of the new nationwide re-model.

Under the OIA, please may I see the one on Greymouth.

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

Background

Te Pūkenga was directed by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) to obtain specialist support to review and improve the viability of our 16 provider-based business divisions - regional Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITPs). Calibre Partners, Volte, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Deloitte have been engaged to undertake this Regional ITP Viability (RIV) programme, which has been developed into four phases.

In mid-August 2024, the specialist consultants provided draft reports for each ITP business division from the first phase of the project, known as the Discovery Phase. In the Discovery Phase, the consultants were asked to confirm the financial position of each business division, understand the profitability of programmes and delivery sites, and assess the utilisation of assets. The reports provided confirmation of the level of information gathered to date, areas where there is insufficient information and where further information gathering or development is required, as well as some initial observations.

The work the consultants are undertaking through the RIV programme will form part of our continued provision of advice directly provided to the TEC and Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills. This in turn will feed into the options for consideration for final decisions to be made regarding the way

forward for New Zealand's Vocational Education and Training sector and the position of ITPs within that.

Interpretation of your request

We have interpreted your request to be for the information from the reports detailed above about our ITP operating in Greymouth - Tai Poutini Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga.

The decision

We have decided to withhold the information you have requested under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

We do not believe the need to withhold this information is outweighed by the public interest in its release at this 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.

We may publish our OIA responses, and the information contained in our reply to you on our website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Ngā mihi



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