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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your request of 22 July 2024 for the following information from Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Te Pūkenga):

*... all expenditure from Te Pūkenga on contractors and consultants in the past five years, by month and consulting firm.*

*In addition, please provide communications from Te Pūkenga to consulting firms this year, regarding the cost-savings directive.*

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

### Our decision

On 24 July 2024, our media manager provided you with a response to the first question in your request, referring you to information on our website: [TP240027-OIA-Response-Redacted.pdf \(xn--tepkenga-szb.ac.nz\)](#) and advising we would respond to your second question.

Attached at **Appendix One** are the communications from Te Pūkenga to the consulting firms engaged on the Regional ITP Viability project (the “cost-savings directive”). You will note some of the correspondence refers to an attached Consultancy Services Order (CSO). We are not releasing the document itself under:

- section 9(2)(j) of the OIA: 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).

This is because negotiations for subsequent phases of the project are not yet complete. We have however, provided a summary and excerpt of the CSO with reference to the background and agreed scope of work for phase one as provided for under section 16(1)(e) of the OIA. You can find this information at **Appendix Two**. Given the timeframe for the first phase of this work, we verbally notified the consulting firms that regional stakeholder engagement was not required in the first phase but would need to be undertaken in the second phase of work for which we are currently contracting the firms.

Please also note that unless otherwise indicated in the document, redactions in Appendix Two are made under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of individuals.

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](http://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 nui

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

Gus Gilmore

**Tumuaki Taupua** | Chief Executive