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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request, received on 4 February 2021, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am writing to request the following information that you hold pursuant to the Official Information Act, in response to the 2020 budget allocation of \$1.6 billion to trades and apprenticeships training:

- 1. Since the fund was made available in July 2020 until today, how many individuals have applied for trades and apprenticeship training in New Zealand*
- 2. Of those applicants, how many were successful and have taken up training and apprenticeships*
- 3. Of those trainees and apprentices, what is the demographic breakdown by:*
 - a. Gender*
 - b. Age*
 - c. Ethnicity*
 - d. Region they reside in*
- 4. What qualification or source of study the grants were awarded for.*

On 9 February 2021, we clarified your request and advised we could not provide the information in the manner requested. We then outlined what data is available and indicated we could respond with the following information:

- The total number of learners enrolled in Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF) eligible programmes.*
- Data on gender, age and ethnicity of enrolled learners.*
- TTAF target areas.*

On 12 February you confirmed the information we could provide would be useful for the work of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner. Other data on overall tertiary education enrolments by a range of demographic information that may be also be useful is published by the Ministry of Education on: <https://www.educationcounts.gov.nz/statistics/tertiary-participation>

I am releasing the information in the attached document titled: *Total number of learners enrolled in Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF) eligible programmes.*

I must also note that the \$1.6 billion trades and apprentices package includes other support outside the fees-free training provided through TTAF. Further information can be found at: [Trades and Apprenticeships Training Package – Education in New Zealand.](#)



You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

The TEC intends to publish its response to this request on our website with your personal details removed. Consistent with the Act, we are publishing responses in the interests of transparency and accountability, and to improve access to official information.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Fowler', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Tim Fowler
Chief Executive
Tertiary Education Commission