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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request, received on 18 February 2019, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *A list of the organisations that receive funding that is budgeted as Equity Funding under the Vote Tertiary Education budget, under Line Item 3.1 (M26), including the specific amounts each recipient receives, and what this money is spent on.*
- *A list detailing what this money was spent on in the last financial year by each organisation/institution that received funding.*
- *How much money each organisation has received per person who qualified for funding.*

Information regarding organisations who received equity funding in 2018 is publically available as the response to written parliamentary question 845 (2019). You can find this information on the following link:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_00845_2019/845-2019-dr-shane-reti-to-the-education-minister

Organisations are expected to use equity funding as they see fit to meet the needs of their students. Funding can be used for a range of services or resources that benefit Maori and Pasifika students, and students with disabilities. The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) does not require organisations to report on what the funding they have been allocated has been spent on. As such, the information you have requested is not held by the TEC. As not all providers are subject to the Act, we have not transferred this part of your request. However, you may wish to contact the individual providers noted in the written parliamentary question for this information.

Allocation of equity funding is based on the number of Maori and Pasifika equivalent full time students (EFTS) at each eligible TEO, based on the most recent confirmed calendar year's enrolments. As such, the TEC cannot provide data on how much funding a provider has received per learner. This part of your request has been declined under section 18(g)(i) as the information requested is not held by TEC and we have no grounds to believe that it is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.



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.

Yours sincerely



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