

14 August 2025

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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2025, requesting the following information from Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Te Pūkenga). We have numbered your query for ease of reference:

- 1. All correspondence of the Learner Advisory Committee to Te Pūkenga staff*
- 2. All meeting agendas, meeting notes and meeting minutes of the Learner Advisory Committee*
- 3. A list of all members of the Learner Advisory Committee, broken down by year*
- 4. Any advice produced regarding the Learner Advisory Committee.*

Our team was unable to discuss the request with you to clarify the information you were seeking with a view to assist with the search for relevant material. [REDACTED] was able to confirm a part clarification of points 1 and 4 of your request with my office on 12 June as:

- 1. Yes, official communication from the LAC in their capacity as LAC to staff members, or if that is too wide this could be narrowed to the senior leadership team*
- 4. Yes, advice produced and provided by Te Pūkenga management to the Council 'about' the Learner Advisory Committee.*

[REDACTED] also kindly offered that our team use discretion in interpreting the request and collating the documentation, as the search was otherwise potentially too large for a response. We have not, for example, included papers referenced in some minutes or agenda items that were not already attached to each document bundle, particularly as they do not relate to the specifics of the request as set out above. However, please let us know if there is a particular document you are interested in.

With reliance on section 15(1)(AA) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the timeframe for deciding your request was extended following clarification of the request on 12 June. We then wrote on 3 July advising of a further extension to 15 August due to the extent of the information search, collation and subsequent consultation.

The decision

1. All correspondence of the Learner Advisory Committee to Te Pūkenga staff (*official communication from the LAC in their capacity as LAC to the senior leadership team*).

As an advisory committee, there was no official communications from the Interim Learner Advisory Committee (ILAC¹) to Te Pūkenga senior leadership team.

2. All meeting agendas, meeting notes and meeting minutes of the Learner Advisory Committee. Please see Appendix One which includes a document list. The list identifies the redactions made on each document which are made under s 9(2)(a) – privacy of individuals, s (9)(2)(b)(ii) – commercial prejudice, or being out of scope of the request. You will note in the table that we have removed some documents in some bundles. This is where there are duplicate documents, where there are larger numbers of out-of-scope pages, or the information is publicly available. This is for ease of reading.

3. A list of all members of the Learner Advisory Committee, broken down by year:

Name	Term start	Term end
Jordan Gush (Co-Chair)	August 2021	December 2025
Dahrian Watene (Co-Chair)	August 2021	December 2025
Lupe Puletea Kautoke	August 2021	December 2022
Hamish Duncan	August 2021	December 2022
Henry Geary	August 2021	December 2025
Nina Lee Griffith	August 2021	December 2025
Ezra Tamati / Ihongaro* (*name change in 2023)	August 2021	December 2025
Skyla Flower	August 2021	December 2024
Cecily Zhou	March 2022 7 June 2023	December 2022 31 May 2024

4. Any advice produced regarding the Learner Advisory Committee (*advice produced and provided by Te Pūkenga management to the Council 'about' the Learner Advisory Committee*)

Please also see Appendix One as per point 2 above.

¹ ILAC was never confirmed as a permanent committee following the Government's announcement to disestablish Te Pūkenga.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gus Gilmore'.

Gus Gilmore

Tumuaki | Chief Executive