

18 September 2025

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2025, requesting the following information from the Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) | Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Te Pūkenga):

For each of the years 2020-2025:

- (i) How much funding did the TEC grant to SIT for piano tuner qualifications, and what were the conditions of that funding?*
- (ii) What qualifications related to piano tuner qualifications were delivered, and how many EFTS were there in any such qualifications/ programs of study?*
- (iii) How much funding, if any, was returned to the TEC, or used to fund other programs.*

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

The decision

1. SIT did not receive funding to deliver piano tuner qualifications during the stated period.
2. No piano tuner qualifications have been delivered by SIT during the stated period. We note there is a Level 4 qualification developed by the Toi Mai Workforce Development Council - nzqa.govt.nz/nzqf/search/displayQualificationOverViewWidgetJS.do?&selectedItemKey=4828
3. As above, no funding was provided to SIT for piano tuner qualifications.

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Gus Gilmore', with a large, stylized initial 'G'.

Gus Gilmore
Tumuaki | Chief Executive