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Tēnā koe,

**Re: Official Information Act (OIA) Request – acquisition of art works**

I am writing in response to your email dated 17 January 2022 in which you requested the following information:

*What was Te Papa's annual acquisitions budget for each of the past five financial years?*

*Please list all purchased acquisitions for the 2021 calendar year by title, artist, price and date of purchase.*

*Please list any additional acquisitions (donations, inheritances, etc) for the 2021 calendar year by title, artist, estimated value and date of acquisition.*

*Please list all artworks bid on at auction by or on behalf of your organisation in the 2021 calendar year.*

*Did Te Papa sell or divest of artworks in the 2021 calendar year? If so, please provide details (title, artist, value and reason for sale/divestment).*

Te Papa is allocated \$3 million for the acquisition budget each financial year. The budget is shared across all of Te Papa's collections (History, Art, Pacific, Māori and Natural History), and covers both the purchase of acquisitions, and any associated costs. Te Papa did not sell or divest any artworks in the 2021 calendar year.

Art acquisitions are listed in the attached document. Note that this does not include any acquisitions purchased, gifted or bequeathed across the History, Photography, Pacific, Māori or Natural History collections.

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request please contact me at [OIA@tepapa.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@tepapa.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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