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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act (OIA) Request – Hawaiian ‘ahu ‘ula (feather cloak) and mahiole (feather helmet)

I am writing in response to your email request dated 7 September 2020 in which you requested the following information:

What payment whether monetary, in kind, object, scholarship funding or any other reward did Te Papa Museum of New Zealand receive in return for giving the Captain Cook Hawaiian ‘ahu ‘ula (feather cloak) and mahiole (feather helmet) to the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, USA, when the cloak was permanently transferred to the Bishop Museum in July 2020.

We confirm that Te Papa did not receive any payment for the transfer of the items.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us please contact either Frances Lawrence or Zoë Genet, at OIA@tepapa.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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