

§ 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii) OIA

**From:** Brendon Ward [Brendon.Ward@dia.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 March 2014 3:38 p.m.  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Referral of matter regarding Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for sending this to us. We are already in the process of investigating TPO. I have passed this onto our Compliance Manager to review and include in the investigation file.

Kind regards

Brendon Ward | General Manager  
 Charities Services Nga Ratonga Kaupapa Atawhai  
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Te Tari Taiwhenua

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 March 2014 3:15 p.m.  
**To:** Brendon Ward  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] § 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii) OIA  
**Subject:** Referral of matter regarding Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board

Good afternoon

Please find attached a letter on behalf of the Minister of Education referring on for your consideration and possible action material received by Ministers in relation to Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards

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## Office of Hon Hekia Parata

Minister of Education

19 MAR 2014

Brendon Ward  
General Manager  
Charities Services  
Department of Internal Affairs  
PO Box 30112  
Lower Hutt 5040

Dear Mr Ward

§ 9(2)(a) OIA

The Minister of Education has recently received a copy of a letter by [REDACTED], a trustee of the Kohanga Reo National Trust Board, which raises a number of allegations about the Trust Board. The letter appears to have been first sent to the Trust Board on 10 March 2014, and was later forwarded to Ministers.

The allegations are serious, and Ministers considered it appropriate to refer the letter to you for you to take such action as you see fit.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Office of Hon Hekia Parata, Minister of Education

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Refer to items 40 and 40a

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[REDACTED]

From: Geoff Short  
Sent: Wednesday, 19 March 2014 4:11 p.m.  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Letter from Ministers of Education  
Attachments: 140319 Letter Hon Parata and Hon Sharples to [REDACTED].pdf

Kia ora [REDACTED]  
Please find attached a copy of letter to [REDACTED] that has been sent to [REDACTED].

Naku noa, na

Geoff Short  
Chief Education Advisor  
Office of the Minister of Education  
Office of Hon Hekia Parata  
DDI: (04) 8179830 | Mobile: 021 2439553

Attachment - refer item 52a

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 March 2014 4:19 p.m.  
**To:** Geoff Short  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Ministers of Education

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Kia ora Geoff  
Email received.

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**From:** Geoff.Short@parliament.govt.nz  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Letter from Ministers of Education  
**Date:** Wed, 19 Mar 2014 03:03:04 +0000

s 9(2)(a) OIA

Hi [REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) OIA

Please find attached a letter from the Minister and Associate Minister of Education. It follows the call from Rawiri Brell.

Please confirm that you have received this e-mail. A hard copy has already been despatched.

Naku noa, na

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## Office of Hon Hekia Parata

Minister of Education

19 March 2014

Trustee  
Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust

§ 9(2)(a) OIA

Tēna koe

We refer to your letter to Te Kohanga Reo Trust Board dated 10 March 2014, which you copied to our offices on 17 March 2014, and which we were apprised of on the evening of 18 March.

In responding to your letter, we are similarly copying our response to the Trust Board.

In your letter you outline a number of serious concerns you have regarding Te Pataka Ohanga and its relationship with the Trust Board. You also outline your view that the Trustees' do not have the ability to address allegations of impropriety through their normal governance processes in accordance with the Trust Deed.

In your letter you have urged the Board to take certain steps to address various matters of concern including allegations of criminal conduct. In particular, you propose the Board refer these matters to the Police and the Serious Fraud Office. We agree that such serious matters should be referred to the appropriate investigating authorities, indeed we consider it is the duty of trusteeship to do so. We are surprised, however, given the elapse of time since these allegations were brought to the attention of the Board, and the immediate action we took to commission an investigation in respect of public funding, that there is yet to be a comprehensive response by the Trust on the TPO concerns.

In any event, we intend to refer your letter to the Serious Fraud Office, regardless of whether Trustees choose to do so. We also intend to refer your letter to the Charities Service of the Department of Internal Affairs, for that service to take any necessary steps in respect of its role. We will advise the Trust Board of that referral.

While the Ernst Young Report did not identify any instances of the Trust providing public funding to Te Pataka Ohanga, we are deeply concerned about the effect these issues continue to have on the ability of the Trust Board to carry out its responsibilities for managing the network of Kohanga Reo and to maintaining public confidence in the Trust.

Whilst being clear that Te Patanga Ohanga is a wholly owned entity of the Trust, the actions taken by the Trust in respect of Te Pātaka Ohanga are a matter of public interest. We therefore urge you to ensure that the matters you have raised are resolved as soon as possible.

Heoi anō rā

  
Hon Hekia Parata  
Minister of Education

  
Hon Dr Pita R. Sharples  
Associate Minister of Education

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 March 2014 4:22 p.m.  
**To:** Geoff Short  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Ministers of Education

Tēna koe Geoff

Your email was received with the attached letter from Hons Hekia Parata and Peter Sharples. Please thank the Ministers for me.

s 9(2)(a) OIA

**From:** [Geoff.Short@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Geoff.Short@parliament.govt.nz)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Letter from Ministers of Education

**Date:** Wed, 19 Mar 2014 03:03:04 +0000

s 9(2)(a) OIA

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached a letter from the Minister and Associate Minister of Education. It follows the call from Rawiri Brell.

Please confirm that you have received this e-mail. A hard copy has already been despatched.

Naku noa, na

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**From:** Geoff Short  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 March 2014 8:39 a.m.  
**To:** [REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii) OIA  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Attachments:** 190314 Letter to Min Parata & Min Sharples.pdf; img-319154956-0001.pdf; 20032014081743-0001.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Hekia Parata (MIN)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 March 2014 8:36 a.m.  
**To:** Geoff Short  
**Subject:** FW: s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii) OIA

**From:** [REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 March 2014 8:27 a.m.  
**To:** Hon. Hekia Parata; Hon. Dr. Pita Sharples  
**Subject:**

Tena Korua

Please find attached response from Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board to your letter received yesterday.

Nga Mihi

[REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) OIA



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**From:** Geoff Short  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 April 2014 5:16 p.m. s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii) OIA  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: 20032014 TKRNTB letter to [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** 20032014 TKRNTB letter to [REDACTED].pdf  
**Importance:** High s 9(2)(a) OIA

Fyi

**From:** Geoff Short  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:51 AM New Zealand Standard Time  
**To:** Karl Le Quesne <Karl.LeQuesne@minedu.govt.nz> (Karl.LeQuesne@minedu.govt.nz)  
<Karl.LeQuesne@minedu.govt.nz>; Andrew Hampton (Andrew.Hampton@minedu.govt.nz)  
<Andrew.Hampton@minedu.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: 20032014 TKRNTB letter to [REDACTED]

s 9(2)(a) OIA

**From:** [REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 March 2014 9:37 a.m.  
**To:** Hon. Hekia Parata; Hon. Dr. Pita Sharples  
**Cc:** Geoff Short  
**Subject:** FW: 20032014 TKRNTB letter to [REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Importance:** High

Tena Kōrua

Please find attached response to [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] complaint of which you are in receipt of for your information.  
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Nga mihi

[REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) OIA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 March 2014 12:08 p.m.  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Tracking email

s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii) OIA

For timeline file please

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 March 2014 12:07 p.m.  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Tracking email

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Good Afternoon

I was able to see that the email came into our system at 17/03/2014 8:06 p.m. from [REDACTED]  
It made it past our 1<sup>st</sup> system (Mimesweeper) and the delivery was then attempted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> part (Microsoft Exchange)  
Exchange will have sent back an email to the sender with the error 550 5.1.1 RESOLVER.ADR.RecipNotFound; not found

This is due the email address that the sender sent to was [hekia.parata@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:hekia.parata@ministers.govt.nz)  
This address does not exist the correct one should be [H.Parata@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:H.Parata@ministers.govt.nz)

Regards

[REDACTED]  
Parliamentary Service  
Te Rātonga Whare Pāremata  
Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160, New Zealand

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 April 2014 5:26 p.m.  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Referral of matter regarding Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board  
**Attachments:** 20032014 TKRNTB letter to [REDACTED].pdf; 190314 Letter to Min Parata & Min Sharples.pdf; lmg-319154956-0001.pdf; 20032014081743-0001.pdf

s 9(2)(a) OIA

For the file

**From:** [REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii) OIA  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 March 2014 2:16 p.m.  
**To:** 'enquiries@sfo.govt.nz'; 'complaints@sfo.govt.nz'  
**Subject:** RE: Referral of matter regarding Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board

Good afternoon

The Minister has received the following further material in relation to this matter. She is passing this on to you in case it is of assistance.

With kind regards

[REDACTED]

s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii) OIA

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 March 2014 2:34 p.m.  
**To:** 'enquiries@sfo.govt.nz'; 'complaints@sfo.govt.nz'  
**Subject:** Referral of matter regarding Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board

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Kind regards

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