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Thank you for your email of 8 January 2021, requesting information about the 2018/19 Wellbeing Budget for the Māori Pathways Initiative. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). I apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

Your request was received by the Ministry of Social Development on 8 January 2021 and was transferred to Corrections on 14 January 2021 in accordance with section 14 of the OIA.

The Māori Pathways programme supports the corrections system to be more effective by using kaupapa Māori and whānau-centred approaches. It includes a range of initiatives to lower the proportion of Māori in the corrections system and aligns with the [Hōkai Rangi strategy](#). Corrections is partnering with Te Puni Kokiri and the Ministry of Social Development to support the delivery of Māori Pathways.

Māori Pathways is a four-year programme, and learnings from the programme will support wider system change. Projects are being co-designed with whānau, iwi, and hapū Māori; and other organisations and individuals independent of Corrections, including people with lived experiences.

Māori Pathways includes:

- Increasing the number of people who can access successful initiatives that already exist in parts of Corrections and extending those programmes to other regions.
- Incorporating kaupapa Māori and whānau-centric approaches into existing programmes so they are more effective for Māori.
- Introducing new initiatives that draw on kaupapa Māori research, expertise, and experiences.

Initial programmes are being co-designed and trialled mostly in Hawke's Bay and Northland, but learnings will be used to inform new ways of working nationally and in other regions. Details on the different Māori pathway projects is available on our website: https://www.corrections.govt.nz/news/maori_pathways/projects

You have requested:

“a breakdown of the spending of the \$98m budgeted by the 2018-2019 Wellbeing Budget for the Maori Pathways initiative, a Corrections/MSD partnership.”

The Māori Pathways programme is in its second year. Year one was focused on developing partnerships and co-designing with Māori for Māori solutions and enhancing and strengthening existing Kaupapa Māori services.

As the programme enters its second year, the focus has turned to strengthening partnerships, increasing numbers for a dedicated workforce and piloting the new approaches with iwi, hapū and partner agencies.

Please see Appendix One for Māori Pathways spend up to 31 December 2020. As you will note, the programme is currently underspending its budget allocation. This is due to multiple factors, including the time taken to form partnerships and focus on genuine co-design and the impact of COVID-19 alert level restrictions. Where possible, the underspend to date will be re-allocated to future years' funding to contribute towards the Hōkai Rangi strategy and to implement Māori Pathways initiatives developed through the co-design process.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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Appendix One – Māori pathways spend – up to 31 December 2020

Wellbeing Budget 2019 - Kaupapa Māori approach to tackling re-offending.

Table One: Spend to 31 December 2020:

		2019/20			2020/21		
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Dec YTD Actual	Budget	Variance
OPEX							
Part A	Māori Development	1.328	2.967	1.639	0.692	4.653	3.961
	Corrections	0.290	1.800	1.510	0.093	2.500	2.407
	Social Development	0.000	0.720	0.720	0.000	0.720	0.720
		1.618	5.487	3.869	0.785	7.873	7.088
Part B	Corrections	2.756	9.065	6.309	3.191	14.506	11.315
	Total - opex	4.374	14.552	10.178	3.976	22.379	18.403
CAPEX							
Part A	Māori Development	0	0.067	0.067	-	-	-
Part B	Corrections	-	-	-	0.000	1.000	1.000
	Total - capex	0.000	0.067	0.067	0.000	1.000	1.000
Total opex and capex		-	14.619	-	-	23.379	-

Table Two: Summary of Corrections-specific funding and spending from Table One

	2019/20			2020/21		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Dec YTD Actual	Budget	Variance
Corrections - opex	3.046	10.865	7.819	3.284	17.006	13.722
Corrections - capex	-	-	-	0.000	1.000	1.000
Total	3.046	10.865	7.819	3.284	18.006	14.722