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Official information request for implementation of Māori Data Sovereignty and Māori Data Governance within Te Tari Ture o te Karauna Crown Law
Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your official information request dated 8 December 2024 for data regarding the “effectiveness, relevance and implementation of Māori Data Sovereignty and Māori Data Governance” within Crown Law.
2. The information you have requested is enclosed.

How does your organisation define Māori data as opposed to non-Māori data?

3. Crown Law uses the definition of Māori data from Te Tari Taiwhenua Department of Internal Affairs in He Aratohu Kapua - Guidance to support Te Tiriti-based Government Cloud adoption November 2023;

Data that is for, from or about Māori and the places Māori have connection with, and data that is about or from iwi in terms of people, language, culture, resources, environments or knowledge systems.

Non-Māori data is everything else.

Does your organisation have Māori Data Sovereignty and or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy? If yes, I request a copy.

4. Crown Law doesn't have an explicit Māori Data Sovereignty and/or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy. We are in the process of documenting an overarching Information Management Strategy.

I also request a copy of your organisation Data Governance strategy/policy/policies?

5. Crown Law is in the process of documenting an overarching Information Management Strategy.

Has your organisation had with any success or no/limited success, implementation of any Māori Data Sovereignty Principles or Māori Data Governance? If yes, please provide details of the implementation and how you measured its success.

6. Crown Law has not specifically measured success against Māori Data Sovereignty Principles.

How many .fte are allocated to Māori Data practices in your organisation?

7. No specific roles have been created for Māori Data practices, instead we have incorporated accountabilities within existing roles. Implementation of the technology sits with the Chief Technology Officer and overarching responsibility for all data practices sits with the Deputy Chief Executive.

What country/countries are the majority of your organisation's data stored?

8. The majority of Crown Law data is in New Zealand and Australia.

Which Cloud Provider(s) do you use?

9. Crown Law currently uses the following Cloud Providers; CCL, AWS and Azure.

Proactive release

10. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.
11. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.
12. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oiac@crownlaw.govt.nz.

