



TE TAI ŌHANGA
THE TREASURY

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 18 February 2022. You asked some questions about the size of the Māori economy:

If you refer to:

https://www.newsroom.co.nz/whats-driving-the-maori-economy?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR1V7pnXmgJZwFBOmZH4oI0Vp3jhesXmNuLhpf4db_xg7cdpKKil3TgBoZg#Echobox=1644776895

it says amongst other things that “The calculation of the Māori economy is based on its asset value. In the past 20 years, the Māori economy has grown from about \$16 billion to \$70b”

- 1. Are these figures actually available?*
- 2. Are these figures accurate? If not what should they be?*
- 3. What are the equivalent figures for the non-Maori economy?*

The Treasury itself does not calculate these figures. That said, Business and Economic Research Limited and Reserve Bank New Zealand published a report in 2018, which includes information on the Māori economy. You can access that report at <https://www.rbnz.govt.nz/research-and-publications/research-programme/te-ohanga-maori-2018>.

Statistics New Zealand publishes information on New Zealand’s national accounts (income, saving, assets, and liabilities), and you can find that here: [https://www.stats.govt.nz/experimental/national-accounts-income-saving-assets-and-liabilities-march-2021-quarter#:~:text=At%20March%202021%2C%20the%20sector%27s,percent\)%20over%20the%20same%20period.](https://www.stats.govt.nz/experimental/national-accounts-income-saving-assets-and-liabilities-march-2021-quarter#:~:text=At%20March%202021%2C%20the%20sector%27s,percent)%20over%20the%20same%20period.)

I trust this helps. As the information you seek is publicly available, I am refusing your request under s 18(d) Official Information Act.

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Finally, please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website, and you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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