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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, received by the Gore District Council on 20 February 2025.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. A summary of the services described in the agreement for services with Hokonui Runanga.*
- 2. A copy of the agreement for services with Hokonui Runanga Incorporated, or of the documents that comprise the agreement for services.*
- 3. A summary of the purpose(s) of the amounts paid to Hokonui Runanga Floriculture from 2021-2025, inclusive.*
- 4. A list of the transactions paid to Hokonui Runanga Floriculture.*
- 5. A summary of the purpose(s) of the amounts paid to Hokonui Runanga Inc from 2020-2024, inclusive.*
- 6. A list of the transactions paid to Hokonui Runanga Floriculture.*

As previously advised, the Gore District Council has an Agreement for Services in place with the Hokonui Rūnanga Incorporated.

The Agreement for Services is commercially sensitive and therefore the Council declines your request for this document and any documents that comprise the Agreement under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA as the release of this document would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information

A summary of the services provided, and the transactions paid to Hokonui Runanga Incorporated and Hokonui Runanga Floriculture are provided in the tables below.

Table 1: Payments made by Gore District Council to Hokonui Rūnanga Floriculture between 2021 and 2025, broken down by year and reason (GST Inclusive).

Hokonui Rūnanga Floriculture	Year				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Consent services	\$1,610.00	\$301.88	\$15,075.07		\$11,090.00
District Plan	\$38,787.31	\$39,902.15	\$19,912.26		
Mayors Taskforce for Jobs placement fees*		\$29,900.00			
New library / Community Rooms artworks & cultural services		\$25,875.00	\$29,903.00		
Parks and Reserves maintenance work			\$2,529.32	\$2,862.36	

*This is fully funded by a grant from the Ministry of Social Development

Table 2: Payments made by Gore District Council to Hokonui Rūnanga Incorporated between 2020 and 2024, broken down by year and reason (GST Inclusive).

Hokonui Rūnanga Incorporated	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Stormwater, flood remediation consulting & consent services	\$664.13	\$18,444.74			
Koha for mihi whakatau					\$500.00
Cultural services					\$8,395.00
Return of bond				\$400.00	

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact me on 03) 209-0330.

Yours sincerely



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