Factsheet

Claimant funding for participation in Wai 3327 Urgent Inquiry

This factsheet provides information about the funding and support available for participation in the Wai 3327 Urgent Inquiry (the Inquiry).

This factsheet provides information on:

- Who can access support to attend the events?
- What type of costs can be covered?
- What the Ministry books and pays for upfront?
- What costs are not covered?

What is the Wai 3327 Urgent Inquiry?

The Wai 3327 Urgent Inquiry is a Waitangi Tribunal (the Tribunal) inquiry into whether the policies of the Coalition Government to limit the status and use of te reo Māori in the public sector are in breach of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

The Tribunal is holding an urgent hearing at the **Waitangi Tribunal Offices in Wellington** on **Monday, 10 June 2024 to Friday, 14 June 2024**.

Who can access support to attend Wai 3327 events?

Claimants, claimant witnesses and a support person per claimant or claimant witness who is giving evidence or presenting at a Wai 3327 event.

Funding is available to support the participation of kuia, kaumātua and disabled people.

Additional support people will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

What types of costs can be covered?

- Flights
- Transport to and from airports and event venues when needed, including rental cars, taxi, intercity bus and train, ferry and parking
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Mileage for driving to and from the events.
- Preparatory hui so that claimant groups can meet and prepare ahead of the Tribunal events

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What the Ministry books and pays for upfront?

The Ministry will make and pay for travel and accommodation bookings for you. Please:

- Complete the form at this link: https://forms.office.com/r/QkekDinVdY

If you need help to complete the form:

- Email Wai3327ClaimantFunding@tpk.govt.nz,
- Text or call our claims administrators for a callback:

- 027 331 2612 - Reggae
- 027 280 9486 - Fiona

The Ministry will make and pay for the following bookings through our travel agent:

- Flights, inter-city bus, inter-city train or ferry
- Car rental and insurance, airport shuttle, taxi
- Accommodation

Flights: if there are no available seats on flights, we will let you know and you may wish to think about a different way to travel

Driving: we can make rental car bookings if the driver has a restricted or full license and is legally permitted to drive. The Ministry will not be liable for the costs of any damage caused during travel if the driver is driving outside of their license restrictions e.g. a restricted driver with passengers who do not have a full license. Te Puni Kōkiri has a zero-tolerance policy to driving under the influence of alcohol or other harmful drugs and will not be responsible for any speeding or other driving offence fines.

Taxi/shuttles: Te Puni Kōkiri will book and pay for taxis/shuttles for travel between your residence and the airport, and will organise and pay for taxis/shuttles between airports and the venues/accommodation. This is included for both the trip to Wellington and the trip home from Wellington.

Accommodation: Te Puni Kōkiri will arrange for accommodation, ideally this will be within walking distance to the hearing venue. Taxis to and from the hearing venue can also be arranged by Te Puni Kōkiri if required.

You may also stay with whanau in the Wellington region and we will provide a contribution payment to the hosting family. This is only available if you live outside of the Wellington region.

We can also provide funding for:

- Meals
- Mileage
- Fuel for a rental car
- Private accommodation

Other costs:

We may be able to cover other costs that may arise on a case-by-case basis, such as a contribution to support claimants to watch the livestream of the events.

Funding requests from groups or individuals given ‘interested party’ status by the Tribunal, are considered on a case-by-case basis.

To request funding for a cost not outlined in this factsheet please contact us.

Please see the costs guideline table for the full list of what and how much we can cover.

What costs are not covered?

- Costs of legal representation, as this is available through legal aid
- Fines or infringements incurred while attending a Tribunal event
- Resolving issues of equity between funding allocated for different claimant groups
- Insurance for private vehicles
- Alcohol
- Lost wages for claimants, claimants’ witnesses or their support people

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COST GUIDELINES TABLE			
Cost type	**Maximum amount $ including GST**	**Further information**	**Payment method**
Travel Transport fares	The most effective (time and cost) option	Flights, inter-city bus/train, ferry, airport transfers, taxi, shuttles and rental cars should be booked by the Ministry and will be paid for directly by Te Puni Kōkiri.	On Ministry account
Travel Personal vehicle mileage	Calculated on a case-by-case basis	Personal car use at $0.95/km is the current IRD rate for mileage. Te Puni Kōkiri will do a calculation of the distance between accommodation and venue and will pay the claimant directly from the Ministry account.	Direct Payment from Ministry Account
Travel Fuel for rental cars	Actual and reasonable	Rental cars can be returned without a full tank. Any fuel costs paid by the claimant can be reimbursed by the Ministry upon confirmation of receipt.	On Ministry account
Travel Parking	Up to $30.00 per car park per day	Parking costs can either be booked and paid for by Te Puni Kōkiri in advance or can be reimbursed when a receipt is sent to the mailbox.	Direct Payment from Ministry Account or On Ministry Account
Meals Alcohol is prohibited	$72.25 per person per full day	Meal per day allowance will be paid upon arrival in Wellington	Direct Payment from Ministry Account
Accommodation	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis	Accommodation will be booked by the Ministry and paid for directly. Excludes alcohol, minibar, video, telephone or other extra charges. Transport from the accommodation to the venue will be booked and paid for by Te Puni Kōkiri if required.	On Ministry account

Private Accommodation	$75 per person per night	This will be confirmed in the preparation for the travel and will be directly paid to the claimant on the first day of the claim. This is only available if the private accommodation is within the Wellington Region and the claimant does not live in the Wellington region. Travel from this location to the venue will still be organised by Te Puni Kōkiri.	Direct Payment from Ministry Account
Preparatory hui	Calculated on a case-by-case basis	Costs of claimant hui to support preparation for the event could be requested.	As needed