

**BEFORE THE NEW ZEALAND TEACHERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL**

**NZTDT 2016/30C**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Education Act 1989

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of a charge referred by the Complaints Assessment  
Committee to the New Zealand Teachers  
Disciplinary Tribunal

**BETWEEN** **COMPLAINTS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

**AND** **MARIA PAPUNI**  
**Respondent**

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**DECISION ON COSTS**

**DATE: 10 JANUARY 2016**

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**Tribunal:** Theo Baker (Chair)

Nikki Parsons and Stuart King (members)

**Hearing:** On the papers

**Representation:** Seamus Woods for the CAC

Janette Andrews for the respondent

1. In a decision dated 20 October 2016, the Tribunal found that a charge of serious misconduct against the respondent was made out, and orders were made as to penalty and costs. By agreement, the respondent was ordered to pay 50% of the costs of the hearing (Tribunal and CAC costs). The Tribunal delegated to the Chairperson the authority to specify the amount to be paid upon receipt of the respondent's submissions about the schedules of costs submitted.
2. The Secretary and CAC were invited to file schedules of costs, and the respondent could then make submissions.
3. For the CAC, Mr Woods submitted a schedule of costs totalling \$3,362.27, and for the Tribunal, the Secretary submitted a schedule of \$1,166.
4. Although the respondent had agreed to the payment of 50%, Ms Andrews referred the Tribunal to the decision of *Lowther* 2016-17, in which the Tribunal ordered costs 40%, despite agreement of 50%. This was in recognition of the responsible way in which the respondent had dealt with matters. The CAC has filed nothing in response to this submission, and we therefore assume it will abide the decision of the Tribunal.
5. This matter has been referred back to the panel for consideration, and it is now ordered that the respondent pay the sum of \$1,811.31, comprising \$1,344.91 under s404(1)(h) and \$466.40 under s404(1)(i) of the Education Act 1989.



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Theodora Baker

Chair