



Terms of reference for investigation into possible unauthorised disclosure of a briefing on Pacific Economic Development Agency

Introduction

In 2010 Budget \$4.8 million was allocated to the Pacific Economic Development Agency (PEDA) for additional economic development activities for and with Pacific communities in Auckland.

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs (the Ministry) prepared a briefing for the Minister of Pacific Island Affairs dated 25 March 2010 outlining the opportunities, implications, risks, and risk management strategies as part of its duties to support Ministers of the Crown.

An item on Radio NZ on 17 June 2010 appeared to be based on the briefing paper or information from details contained in the briefing paper. This investigation has been commenced as a result of concern over the possible unauthorised disclosure of the briefing paper.

Terms of reference

The Chief Executive of the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs will appoint an independent person to:

- inquire into the possible unauthorised disclosure of the briefing paper or information relating to the briefing paper, including who was responsible for the unauthorised disclosure; and
- examine whether the Ministry had adequate systems and controls in place to protect sensitive Ministry information; and
- make any recommendations that could be taken to deter future unauthorised disclosures of Ministry information;

and will report on the findings of the investigation in accordance with the terms of reference to the chief executive.