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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF:DOIA011-/)

On 21 August 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to gifts provided to the former Secretary for Pacific Peoples. I have outlined your request and my response below.

a list and description of all gifts funded or partly funded (in the first instance) by the ministry in 2022 for Leauanae Laulu Mac Leauanae. I also request the total cost of each gift, and the amount for each reimbursed by the ministry. I understand that, ultimately, the cost for gifts was repaid to the ministry.

The material you have requested is available on our website here: [PSC-review-into-sensitive-expenditure-combined-docs-for-release-FINAL-rdcd-v2.pdf \(mpp.govt.nz\)](#). Please refer to page 486. As the information requested is publicly available, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the OIA.

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes some of its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter may be published on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you or your organisation.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: oi_requests@mpp.govt.nz. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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