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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 25 March 2022, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- *Did the agency propose a budget initiative for any of budgets 2018 - 2021 inclusive seeking additional resources for OIA handling, information and records management, or ministerials? If so, I would like a copy of each relevant budget initiative, and to know whether it was accepted or rejected*

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that the Ministry has tightened its own internal administrative processes for managing workflows, supported by a new digital platform, ministerial guidelines, and training material to give staff confidence when managing requests for official information and the proactive publication of information. However, the Ministry did not propose any budget initiatives seeking additional resources for OIA handling, information, and records management, or ministerials. Your request for information is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, on the basis that it does not exist.

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter will 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 company.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: uia_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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