

10 February 2023

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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 9 January 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the Pasefika Auckland Cultural Forum that took place at Orakei Marae on 10th December 2007. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

I'm trying to track down some information relating to the Pasefika Auckland Cultural Forum that took place at Orakei Marae on 10th December 2007. I was wondering if you had any notes or minutes from this meeting still on file that are able to be shared?

The Ministry for Pacific Peoples (formerly known as the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs) transitioned to a new information management system in 2015. Under section 27 of the Public Records Act; The Information and Records Management Standard states that information and records must be systematically disposed of when authorised and legally appropriate to do so. The Ministry have conducted a thorough search of our current information management system and the information was not archived. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

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: oia_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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