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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 2 March 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), a copy of the work produced by a successful funding recipient of the first round of the Teu le Va Fund. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

... noted a group PPP legacy Trust in Christchurch received \$5k in Round 1... Are you able to give us a copy of this work you funded

The project that was approved was for PPP Legacy Trust to produce a series of videos. The videos are publicly available here: www.youtube.com/@nosix5904. I am therefore refusing your request for a copy of this work under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information is publicly available.

You also refer to an ongoing legal dispute with this group, which the Ministry cannot comment on. Note, all applicants for the first round of the Teu le Va fund must be citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand and have received no other funding or approval for funding, for the same proposal. As this group met the criteria, they were eligible to receive funding for their project. Further, the Ministry is confident that its due diligence process is robust and all decisions regarding successful applicants are sound.

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.

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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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Chris Muller
**Deputy Secretary (Acting),
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