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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA071-2023/24)

On 30 May 2024, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to correspondence on Budget 2024 initiatives at the Ministry. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

...I request copies of:

1. All initiatives, if any, that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024.
2. All correspondence, if any, with the Minister of Finance's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024.
3. All correspondence, if any, with your Minister's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024.
4. All initiatives, if any, that were scaled for Budget 2024, including the initial funding request of the initiative and the final funded level.
5. All correspondence, if any, with the Minister of Finance's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were scaled for Budget 2024
6. All correspondence, if any, with your Minister's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were scaled for Budget 2024

The Ministry did not submit any initiatives for Budget 2024. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist. However, the Ministry did identify savings to contribute to contribute towards the Government's fiscal sustainability goals.

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.

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

Mālō 'aupito

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form a stylized, cursive name.

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Corporate Services