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## RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA015-2025/26)

On 14 October 2025, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information in relation to Communication staffing and salary expenditure. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

*This is a request for official information under the Official Information Act 1982 in relation to communications team staffing.*

*We request the following information:*

- The total number of staff employed in communications, media, and public relations roles (including enabler roles) as of 14 October 2025.*
- A breakdown of position titles and total salary expenditure for these roles.*

*Please ensure that, where relevant, costs are inclusive of GST.*

As of 14 October 2025, the Ministry has five staff employed in communication-oriented roles. **Table 1** provides a breakdown of these positions by role, pay band, and number of staff.

To protect individual privacy, we have provided salary bands and the total aggregate salary expenditure for communication staff, rather than disclosing individual salaries. Of the five staff, four are salaried employees and one is a contractor, who started on 14 October 2025, and is paid via invoice. Therefore, the aggregate salary figure reflects only the four salaried positions.

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**Table 1: Communication Staffing Breakdown**

<b>ROLE</b>	<b>PAY BAND</b>	<b>STAFF EMPLOYED</b>
Director, Communications	19	1
Principal Advisor, Design	18	1
Senior Advisor, Digital Channels	17	1
Senior Advisor, Content	17	1
Principal Advisor Communications	Not applicable ( <i>position filled in the short term by a contractor</i> )	1

**Total:** aggregate salaries = \$568,000

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Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: [uia\\_requests@mpp.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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