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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA009-2026/27)

On 17 August 2026, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information related to Horizon Europe. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

I am writing to ask a question under the Official Information Act 1982, concerning New Zealand's association to Horizon Europe.

The Horizon Europe Association Budget Bid (submitted as part of Budget 2023, and released to me in part under a separate Official Information Act request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment) includes a standard Treasury distributional-impacts checklist covering, among other categories, Pacific Peoples. I understand the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has confirmed that no underlying gender-impact analysis exists for a comparable category (Women and Girls) ticked in the same document.

Please confirm whether the Ministry for Pacific Peoples was consulted on, or holds any analysis relating to, the Horizon Europe Association Budget Bid's Pacific Peoples distributional impact category, if that category was ticked as applicable, and whether the Ministry has had any broader engagement with MBIE regarding Pacific participation in Horizon Europe. Please provide any related correspondence, or confirm none exists.

The Ministry conducted searches and identified no records showing that it was consulted on the Horizon Europe Association Budget Bid, no analysis relating to the Pacific Peoples distributional impact category referred to in your request, and no correspondence or broader engagement with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment regarding Pacific participation in Horizon Europe.

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Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry.

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: ويا_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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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sione Siale', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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