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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA010-2026/27)

On 24 August 2026, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to individuals working within the Ministry through supplier, managed service, or service agreements who are not recorded or reported as contractors or consultants. I also acknowledge the correction to question 2. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

For the purposes of this request, I am particularly interested in arrangements where an external supplier provides a named or identifiable individual who performs work for an agency on an ongoing or full-time basis and has access to agency resources, systems, email, buildings, and/or equipment:

1. *To the extent this information is held centrally, please provide the number of individuals currently:*
 - *supplied through a supplier, managed service, or service agreement*
 - *working in a role equivalent or similar to a full-time agency position*
 - *provided with access to agency systems, email accounts, buildings, equipment, or other internal resources*
 - *not classified or reported as contractors or consultants.*
2. *For the individuals captured by point 1, please provide for each individual:*
 - *the total annual or contracted cost*
 - *the length of the engagement*
 - *whether the individual works full-time or part-time for the agency.*
3. *Please identify any changes to the collection or availability of this information resulting from the implementation of new financial, procurement, HR, or reporting systems, including:*
 - *the date of any system change*
 - *what information ceased to be collected or became unavailable*

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- *whether historical information remains accessible*
- *any known breaks in the data series.*

4. *Please provide any recent advice, correspondence, or guidance concerning individuals working within your agency who are not included in reported contractor and consultant spend because they are engaged through supplier, managed service, or service agreements.*

The Ministry does not engage individuals through external supplier agencies in the manner described in your request. Specifically, the Ministry does not employ consultants or contractors who are supplied by an external supplier and who work within the Ministry while not being classified or reported as contractors or consultants. As a result, the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA. This applies to all parts of your request, including:

1. The number of individuals supplied through a supplier, manager service, or service agreement who meet the criteria outlined in your request.
2. Details of annual or contracted costs, engagement lengths, and working arrangements for such individuals.
3. Information regarding changes to the collection or availability of this information arising from system changes.
4. Any advice, correspondence, or guidance concerning such individuals.

As the Ministry does not have any individuals captured by the scope of your request, no information is held in relation to these matters.

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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