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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA046-2025/26)

On 28 May 2026, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the Budget 2026 public sector savings exercise. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

Under the OIA, I request the following information held by your agency / entity relating to the Budget 2026 public sector savings exercise:

1. The agency's Budget 2026 savings options paper(s) or initiative bids submitted to the Treasury or the Minister between 1 September 2025 and 19 May 2026.

I am refusing agency Budget 2026 related papers submitted to the Treasury or Minister between 1 September 2025 and 19 May 2026 as this information will soon be made publicly available. The Ministry is currently reviewing Budget 2026 papers and will proactively release relevant information in due course, I am therefore refusing your request in full under section 18(d) of the OIA.

2. Any document showing any FTE reduction expected at the agency as a result of Budget 2026, broken down by business group, function, or location to the extent that breakdown exists.

3. Any document held by the agency that defines or identifies which of its roles are considered 'frontline' and which are not, for the purpose of the Budget 2026 exercise.

For questions 2 and 3, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist. No decisions have been made regarding FTE reductions or the classification of roles as 'frontline' for Budget 2026.

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4. Any business case, modelling, or analysis dated between 1 September 2025 and present concerning the use of AI, automation, or digital tools to replace, reduce, or substitute roles within the agency.

The Ministry has not commissioned any business case, modelling, or analysis on the use of Artificial Intelligence, automation, or digital tools to replace, reduce, or substitute roles within the agency. Accordingly, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

5. Any change proposal, indicative structure document, or consultation document issued to staff or unions on or before the date of this request relating to the Budget 2026 savings exercise.

Prior to the date of this request, the Ministry has not issued any change proposal, indicative structure document, or consultation document to staff or unions relating to the Budget 2026. Accordingly, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

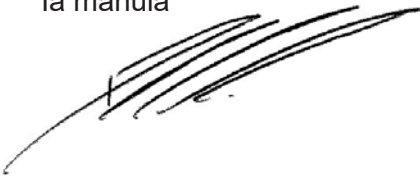
6. Correspondence between the Chief Executive (or equivalent) and the Minister, the Treasury, or the Public Service Commissioner between 1 January 2026 and present concerning the savings exercise or workforce reductions.

Correspondence relating to the savings exercise or workforce reductions from 1 January 2026 forms part of Budget 2026 material which is currently under review for proactive release. Accordingly, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA, as it will soon be publicly available.

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.

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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