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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA047-2025/26)

On 11 June 2026, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the Ministry's timeline for implementing public service reform targets and consulting staff on any restructures. You also ask whether workforce reductions are planned or considered (including in Northland, Māori-specific roles, or staff with whakapapa Māori), and request any advice provided to leadership or Ministers on the impacts of cuts to regional programmes. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

Under the OIA, could you please provide the following:

What is the expected timeline of implementing the Government's public service overhaul targets within your agency, and when you expect to consult staff on restructures if you have not already done so already.

Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any roles located in the Northland region, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?

Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any Māori specific roles, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?

Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any staffing who have identified to Whakapapa Māori, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?

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What advice, including briefings, weekly reports, aide memoirs, or any other written advice, has been given to your leadership team or relevant Minister on the impact of cuts to any regional delivery programmes of work, if any?

What advice, including briefings, weekly reports, aide memoirs, or any other written advice has been given to their leadership team or their Minister on any Māori workforce impacts of restructures to implement public service job cuts, if any?

Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist. By way of context, as part of Budget 2026, Cabinet has agreed to a programme of reform aimed at transforming the public service to streamline how it is organised, accelerate digital transformation, strengthen leadership and talent, and improve efficiency and productivity. Specific decisions on how these reforms will be achieved by agencies have not yet been made. Ministers have asked Chief Executives to work through what this means for their organisations.

Accordingly, there is no information currently held that answers the specific questions in your request.

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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