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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA048-2025/26)

On 17 June 2026, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information regarding the use of non-disclosure agreements. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

Since 23 November 2023:

- 1. How many working groups, advisory groups, expert panels, stakeholder groups, or similar bodies administered by your agency have required participants to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA), confidentiality agreement, or confidentiality undertaking as a condition of participation?*

The Ministry has considered all working groups, advisory groups, expert panels, stakeholder groups, and similar bodies administered by the Ministry since 23 November 2023. The number of such bodies that required participants to sign a non-disclosure agreement, confidentiality agreement, or confidentiality undertaking as a condition of participation is zero.

Accordingly, the Ministry has not required participants in any such body to sign a non-disclosure agreement, confidentiality agreement, or confidentiality undertaking as a condition of participation.

- 2. Please provide the figure for each of:*
 - 23 November 2023 to 31 December 2023*
 - 2024*
 - 2025*
 - 2026 to date*

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Please refer to the table below. The Ministry does not use non-disclosure agreements or confidentiality agreements. Therefore, the number of such agreements entered into is zero.

PERIOD	NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS
23 November 2023 to 31 December 2023	0
2024	0
2025	0
2026	0

3. *Please provide any current policy, guidance, or criteria governing when such agreements may be required.*

As previously mentioned, the Ministry does not use non-disclosure agreements, confidentiality agreements, or similar undertakings for these groups, and therefore does not hold specific policy, guidance, or criteria governing their use. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist. Confidentiality expectations are instead addressed through each group's Terms of Reference. These include provisions requiring members to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive or pre-decision information and to handle information in accordance with relevant legislation.

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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