

25 July 2023

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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA056-2022/23)

On 30 June 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to flowers and bottled water expenditure. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

1. *Total expenditure on bottled water in 2022:*
 - a. *Provide the total amount spent on bottled water, including the cost of procurement, delivery, and any other associated expense.*

2. *Similarly, please provide:*
 - a. *Total expenditure on bottled water from January 2023 up to and including June 2023.*

If possible, I would appreciate a breakdown of the aforementioned expenditures by specific projects, programs, or categories within your department. This breakdown will aid in comprehending the context of these expenses and enable a more comprehensive analysis.

The information requested has significant and unreasonable impact on the Ministry's ability to carry out its wider operations. To gather and collate the information you have requested would require the Ministry to search through hundreds of invoices and extract the costs related to bottled water. Furthermore, locating expenditure related to bottled water presents challenges in terms of locating invoices that lack explicit references to it. Effectively managing these invoices will require additional resource to analyse and process data which will hinder the efficiency of Ministry operations. I must therefore refuse your request under section 18(f) of the OIA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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3. Total expenditure on flowers in 2022:
 - a. Please provide the total amount spent on flowers, including any cost related to procurement, arrangements, and maintenance.
4. Total expenditure on flowers from January 2023 up to and including June 2023.

If possible, I would appreciate a breakdown of the aforementioned expenditures by specific projects, programs, or categories within your department. This breakdown will aid in comprehending the context of these expenses and enable a more comprehensive analysis.

In 2022, the Ministry spent \$1,871.31 on flowers; and \$454.32 from January to June 2023. In total, the Ministry has spent \$2325.63 on flowers within the requested period. The table below outlines a breakdown of the Ministry's expenditure.

Table: Ministry for Pacific Peoples' expenditure on flowers

Description	Amount (GST excl.)
2022	
Internal/external events	\$615.22
Bereavements	\$783.91
Staff recognition	\$472.18
Jan-Jun 2023	
Internal/external events	\$367.36
Bereavements	\$86.96
TOTAL	\$2325.63

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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