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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 21 March 2022, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- *Copies of any of reports, correspondence, or emails, both internal and external mentioning the business Crime Scene Cleaners, up to January 31, 2022.*
- *Copies of any payments, itemised by date and amount, made to Crime Scene Cleaners since the business was established in 2010, up to January 31, 2022.*

The Ministry takes the safety of its staff and all people we share premises with (including visitors) seriously. The cleanliness of our offices is paramount for the protection of staff and visitors against COVID-19. As such, the Ministry has procured the services of cleaning specialists to undertake deep cleaning of our offices when necessary. However, the Ministry has not engaged the services of Crime Scene Cleaners. Your request for information is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, on the basis that it does not exist.

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter will 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 company.

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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