

13 March 2023

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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 13 February 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to nominations received by the Ministry and the Minister for Pacific Peoples. On 28 February 2023, you submitted a subsequent request regarding the Ministry's regional networks and senior leadership team. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

- *May I ask during the past 3 years (2022, 2021, 2020), how many nominations during the "Call for nominations" stage you have received, please separate the data by different issued occasion, e.g. New Year and King's Birthday.*
- *When you submitted to the Minister's office, how many nominations the Minister has agreed to support and how many Minister declined.*

The table below outlines the number of nominations the Ministry received during the "call for nominations" stage, the number of nominations agreed to by the Minister and the number of nominations declined. For nominations that are declined by the Minister, the Ministry may instead look to nominate them for a future round.

Year	Occasion	Nominations received	Nominations agreed to by Minister	Number of nominations declined
2020	New Year Honours	29	28	1
2020	Queen's Birthday Honours	11	11	0
2021	New Year Honours	15	14	1
2021	Queen's Birthday Honours	8	8	0
2022	New Year Honours	23	19	4
2022	Queen's Birthday Honours	21	20	1

- *I noted, you referred to the "Regional Partnerships unit", please specify what does this mean, if it is your internal team, please provide the full org chart of this Regional Partnerships unit team.*
- *Can you specify what is your regional network? If it is a list of organization, can you please provide name of these organizations. Also, Ministry's senior leadership staff, can you please provide who you consider as your senior leadership staff.*

The Ministry's Regional Partnerships unit is the Ministry's community connections team that engages and builds relationships with our Pacific communities and partner organisations across Aotearoa; the 'regional networks' you ask about are the relationships with Pacific communities and organisations that our Regional Partnerships unit hold – there is no set list of organisations. You can find more information about the Regional Partnerships unit on our website here: www.mpp.govt.nz/about-us. I have appended the organisation chart of the Regional Partnerships unit (refer Appendix One). The Ministry's senior leadership team is known as Tautua¹ and information about them can be found on our website here: www.mpp.govt.nz/about-us/executive.

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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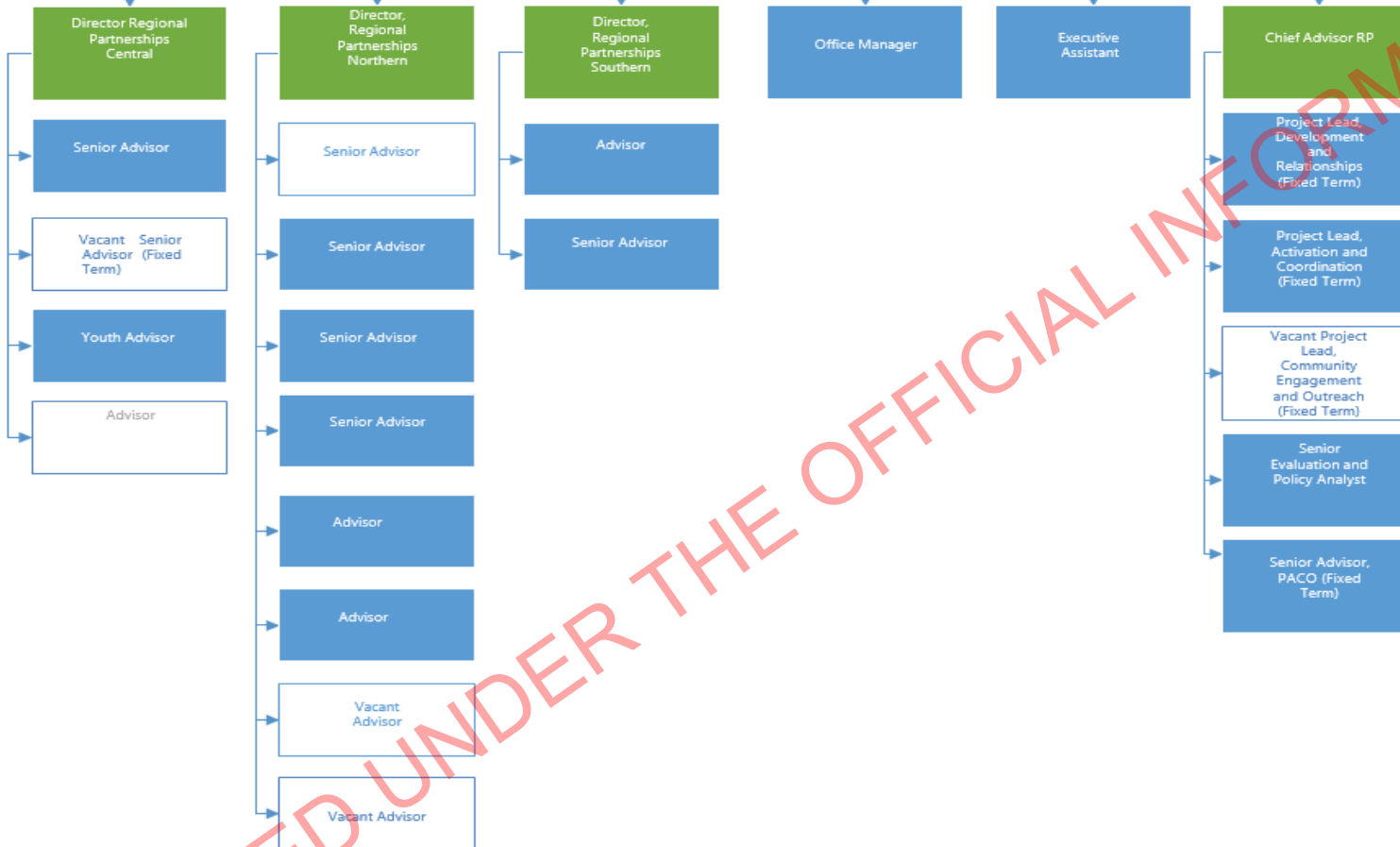
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¹ *Tautua* is a word in Samoan that expresses the cultural tradition of service to the family or aiga. It can also mean any service of an individual to a greater cause.

APPENDIX ONE

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Deputy Secretary,
Regional
Partnerships



- Key:
- Tier 2
 - Tier 3
 - Tier 4
 - MPP Employee (Permanent/FT)

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