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## RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 14 March 2023, your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request to the Minister for Pacific Peoples, Hon Barbara Edmonds regarding Toloa scholarships was transferred to the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) for response. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

- 1. Provide the number of students that were provided scholarship in each of the subjects - STEAM (Science, Technology, Education, Arts, Mathematics).*
- 2. Provide compiled ethnicity stats for the students that were provided scholarships for each of the subjects.*

In 2023, the Ministry awarded 250 secondary and 50 tertiary scholarships as part of its Toloa programme. I have appended to this letter a table that provides a breakdown of recipients by STEAM subjects and ethnicity. Please note that part of the scholarship eligibility criteria required applicants to be of Pacific descent. Therefore, 100% of Toloa scholarship recipients identified as Pacific.

- 3. How many of these scholarships were awarded to non NZ citizens.*

Out of 300 Toloa scholarship recipients, 277 were New Zealand citizens and 23 were permanent residents at the time of application.

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](mailto:oia_requests@mpp.govt.nz).

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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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Chris Muller  
**Director,**  
**National Programmes**

Appendix: Recipients categorised by STEAM subject(s) and ethnicity

Ethnicity	Science	Technology	Engineering	Arts	Math	Total
Chinese	6	3	3	3	5	8
Cook Islands						
Māori	24	13	4	14	21	27
English	1		1			1
Fijian	21	8	5	5	16	22
Fijian-Indian	1	1	1		1	1
French	1				1	1
German	3	1	2	1	2	3
Indian	1		1		1	1
Irish	2	1		2	2	2
Kiribati	11	7	3	3	12	13
Korean				1		1
Māori	9	5	1	5	10	12
New Zealander	1			1	1	1
Niuean	8	3	3	2	8	9
NZ European	23	13	5	14	20	26
Other	10	6	3	2	8	13
Rotuman	3	2	2		4	4
Russian	1	1	1		1	1
Samoan	141	69	48	71	136	166
Scottish	1			1	1	1
Solomon Islander	4	1		1	3	4
Tahitian	3	2	1	2	2	3
Tokelauan	6	4	2	3	6	7
Tongan	69	25	12	25	60	74
Tuvaluan	2	1		2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>300</b>

Notes:

- Values within the table do not sum to the totals.
- Recipients could multi-select for subjects as well as ethnicity; this is reflected in the table provided as the number per category reflects the individuals who fit into any of the categories.

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