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## RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 9 November 2021, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- 1. Details, including dates, amounts paid, for what purpose, and whether these are one-off or ongoing, of any payments made to the Moana Pasifika Super Rugby team between July 1, 2020, and the date of this request.*

I understand you have sent similar requests to Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Please note, I am responding to your request as it relates to the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry).

I can confirm that the Ministry has not made any payments to the Moana Pasifika Super Rugby team. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information you have requested does not exist.

In support of the principles and purposes of the OIA, the Ministry proactively publishes its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter will be published on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: [uia\\_requests@mpp.govt.nz](mailto:uia_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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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