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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 20 April 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to music licenses. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses below.

- *Does your organisation hold a music license for its various offices and buildings?*
- *Does your organisation require multiple music licenses for different buildings?*
- *How much does your organisation pay for each of its music licenses?*
- *Who provides your music license(s)?*
- *Why do you have the licenses? Is music played in general staff areas, to staff at their desks, in staff training sessions, at conferences or to callers on hold?*

The Ministry does not hold any music licenses. I am therefore refusing your request in full under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

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: 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mauailegalu Mathew So'otaga'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M'.

Mauailegalu Mathew So'otaga
Director, Ministerial Services