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## RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 11 April 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to office space, working from home and stationery. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

1. *Does your department provide office space to a Union? If yes, which Union is it and do they pay for the office space? If yes, how much does the Union pay for the office space? If no, what is the rental value of the office space given to Union?*

The Ministry does not currently provide office space to a Union, I must therefore refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

2. *Please provide us with your department's current working from home policy.*

I am refusing the part of your request for our current working from home policy under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information is already publicly available. Please refer to our Flexible Working Policy on the Ministry website [here](#).

3. *How much does the department pay to rent its offices?*

The Ministry pays \$885,130.80 annually to rent our office spaces.

4. *What is the current staffing occupancy level of your offices?*

The Ministry's office spaces are occupied by 132 staff members.

On 19 April 2023, the Ministry requested further clarification on the following parts of your request where you originally sought a breakdown of these costs. You confirmed that you no longer needed a breakdown of costs and instead, were happy to receive total costs.

Please note that under section 15(1AA) of the OIA, if a request is amended or clarified after the date on which it is received, the department or organisation that receives the request may treat the amended or clarified request as a new request that, for the purposes of subsection (1), replaces the original request.

*5. How much has the department spent on stationary in the last 12 months?*

In the past 12 months, The Ministry spent a total amount of \$4,618.91 on stationery.

*6. How much does the department spend on newspaper and magazine subscriptions?*

In the past 12 months, the Ministry spent a total of \$1,311.12 on newspaper and magazine subscriptions.

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).

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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