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## **RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF DOIA037-2023/24)**

On 7 December 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) to follow up on the OIA response we sent to you which requested information relating to the Pacific Aotearoa Community Outreach (PACO) funds at the Ministry.

In this new request, you have sought further information about the breakdown of PACO merchandise expenditure. I have outlined your specific request and my response to each below.

*...What is the breakdown of the merchandise paid for using PACO allocated money? Specifically, what items and how of many was it spent on?*

In our previous OIA response to you on 8 November 2023, the total cost of PACO merchandise included but was not limited to merchandise set up, creation, print management, and artwork design services. Upon further review, the previous total was inclusive of costs that are not considered by definition as 'merchandise'. In this response, I have interpreted merchandise as goods, products, and items purchased through PACO allocated money.

The updated spend on PACO merchandise is \$124,898.50. Appended to this letter is a table outlining the expenditure breakdown.

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:  
[oi\\_requests@mpp.govt.nz](mailto:oi_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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Ajmal', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ali Ajmal  
**Deputy Secretary,**  
**Office of the Secretary**

**Appendix 1: Ministry for Pacific Peoples' PACO merchandise expenditure**

Date	Item(s)	Quantity	Amount excl GST (\$)
June 2022	Face Mask Pack	1500	9,540.00
	Hand Sanitiser Bottle	2000	5,980.00
	Tote bag	1500	10,065.00
	T-shirt	1000	10,000.00
	Aluminium Drink Bottle	1000	18,200.00
	Hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, and tissue packs)	5000	4,800.00
			<b>TOTAL 58,585.00</b>
February 2023	Hand Sanitiser Bottle	1000	2,990.00
	Tote Bag	600	4,026.00
	Water Bottle	600	10,920.00
			<b>TOTAL 17,936.00</b>
June 2023	Hand Sanitiser Bottle	500	1,495.00
	T-shirt	200	4,000.00
	Drink Bottle	500	9,100.00
	Hygiene products (tissue packs and lip balm)	1000	2,860.00
	Weather protection products (umbrellas, ponchos, and beanies)	1500	17,950.00
	Power Bank	500	5,400.00
	Tote Bag	500	3,355.00
	Polo shirt	100	2,600.00
	Hi-Vis Vest	50	962.50
Writing Pen	500	655.00	
			<b>TOTAL 48,377.50</b>
			<b>GRAND TOTAL 124,898.50</b>