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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA048-2023/24)

On 21 February 2024, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to layoffs being made in the Ministry. I have outlined your specific requests and my response below.

"I request information regarding the individual roles, working groups, researchers, research teams and other groupings of this nature, if any, that are going to be cut from your relevant Ministry or departmental agency owing to the government's policy of reducing the public service.

Relevant information would include:

The roles that may be considered superfluous enough to warrant redundancy and why Any bodies, boards, working groups or researchers/research teams considered superfluous enough to be closed or made redundant and why

A brief accompanying description of the duties, roles, scope and cancelled projects of the above mentioned where relevant to the individual or group in question.

If the information is not currently held I would request that this information be released when it is."

The Ministry is currently working through options for its savings proposal. I am therefore withholding all information related to proposed organisational changes relating to the savings proposal under section 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions that protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials. I am satisfied that there are no other public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the information withheld under section 9 of the OIA available.

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_a_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 blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form a stylized, cursive name.

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Deputy Secretary,
Corporate services