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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA054-2023/24)

On 3 April 2024, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to PR and communications expenditure at the Ministry. On 1 May 2024, we informed you via letter that an extension to your request was necessary due to the need to search through a large quantity of information. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

1. *Please provide a breakdown of the actual and budgeted expenditure on PR and Communications support for the current financial year, as well as the previous two financial years, for the MPP.*

This information can be found in our Annual Review responses which are publicly available. Information for the current financial year will soon be publicly available on the Parliament website. Note, budgeted expenditure is determined by each project or initiative. The budgeted information that is solely dedicated to PR and Communications is not available.

The 2022/23 Annual Review can be found via the link below. Refer to question 51 on page 40.
www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCSSC_EVI_d39e388d-84f0-4457-db7c-08dc108f2c0f_SSC552/1ea763b7b4d50053e4d30bc466fab15ebbba5720

The 2021/22 Annual Review can be found via the link below. Refer to question 51 on page 39.
www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCSS_EVI_129875_SS6003/a11c7139891c50efbb8a37c300a72dbb51d7aed3

2. *For each instance of expenditure on PR and Communications support, please indicate whether the services were procured through an open tender process or if it was a closed process.*

The Ministry followed the *Government Procurement Rules* in each instance.

3. *Please provide the names of the companies, agencies, or individuals that received payment for providing PR and Communications services to the MPP. Additionally, I request the value of the contracts awarded to each service provider.*

Refer to the response to Question 1 above.

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: oa_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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Deputy Secretary,
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