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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA056-2023/24)

On 8 April 2024, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information regarding the use of te reo Māori and Pacific languages since June 2023. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses below.

- 1. Any communication between the Minister, or any Government representative, and MPP about the use of te reo or any other languages within the Ministry?*
- 2. Any communication with staff from leadership, regarding use of te reo or other Pacific languages both within the Ministry and with the public?*
- 3. Any communication between relevant officials discussing rebranding to adjust use of te reo or other Pacific languages?*
- 4. Any communication between relevant officials discussing a change in policy or direction in use of language in communications within MPP and with the public?*

I can confirm that there is no information in scope of your request, I must therefore refuse your request 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: 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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Ajmal', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ali Ajmal
Deputy Secretary
Office of the Secretary