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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA069-2023/24)

On 29 May 2024, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the Ministry's change process. I have outlined your request and my response below.

The total amount paid for external advice relating to any organisational change proposed or decided by your agency between 31 October 2023 and today.

In response to the Government's fiscal sustainability goals to reduce expenditure in the public service, the Ministry paid a total of \$196,798.50 (excluding GST) to contract PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited for services relating to the change process.

Additionally, the Ministry sought legal advice from an existing arrangement with McBride Davenport James through the External Legal Services Panel. The total amount spent on our contract with McBride Davenport James cannot be determined, as payments cover monthly expenses without detailing costs specific to the change process.

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: uia_requests@mpp.govt.nz.

