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### RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA003-2024/25)

On 8 July 2024, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the number of Ministry staff working on our programmes. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses below.

- 1. A list of work programmes which had at least one staff member working on them prior to October 14, 2023 that currently do not have any staff members working on them.*
- 2. The above list broken down by how many staff members were working on the work programme prior to October 14, 2023; the date staff members were directed to no longer work on the given work programme; and by who (such as which minister or official) that direction came from.*
- 3. Copies of any findings, briefings, documents, and communications including emails, discussing the removal of staff from the given work programme.*

The Ministry's work programmes have not changed. Furthermore, there are staff across the Ministry in multiple directorates who work across our work programmes. I am therefore refusing your full 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: [oia\\_requests@mpp.govt.nz](mailto:oia_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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