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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA025-2024/25)

On 31 October 2024, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information regarding the spend on lanyards, merchandise and clothing. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

...I am requesting information regarding spending on lanyards, branded merchandise, and clothing within your agency. Specifically, I would like details on the following:

1. *Please provide the total amount spent on each category (lanyards, merchandise, and clothing) over the past financial year.*
2. *For each category, could you provide an itemised breakdown, including but not limited to:*
 - *Type of item purchased (e.g., branded clothing, lanyards)*
 - *Quantity of each item purchased*
 - *Total cost per item type.*
3. *A list of suppliers or vendors used for these purchases, with the amounts spent per vendor.*

I have appended to this letter an itemised breakdown of the Ministry's spend on products with its branding for the past financial year (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024), refer to **Appendix 1**.

For the purpose of your OIA request, the total cost per item has been calculated on the number of units divided by the sum total. The purchase of products with the Ministry's brand is generally ordered in large quantities with preferred vendors to meet our needs when required. The greater the number of units ordered, will determine the rate charged by the vendor and in most cases, this will mean a cheaper rate.

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Also note that the Ministry has not paid for lanyards or branded clothing over the past financial year. I am therefore refusing this part of 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: uia_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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Danilo Coelho de Almeida
Deputy Secretary
Corporate and Support Services

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Appendix 1: Ministry for Pacific Peoples spend on branded products for the 2023/24 financial year

Vendor name	Item type	Quantity	Cost per item (\$ GST exclusive)	Sum (\$ GST exclusive)
About Print Limited	Notebook	500	3.87	1,936.00
	Business Cards (1 staff member)	100	0.81	81.00
	Notebook	1000	3.15	3,152.00
5,169.00				
Bizpromo Limited	Nomad Bottle	100	9.07	907.00
	Omega Notebook	700	3.40	2,377.00
	Trinity Bamboo Pen	500	0.85	423.00
	Avanti Tote Bag	150	2.79	418.50
4,125.50				
Brand 4 U	Hemp Tote	60	3.20	192.00
	Hemp Tote	60	3.20	192.00
384.00				
Brand Identity Limited	Stellar Cup	100	11.15	1,115.00
	Notebook	500	4.41	2,205.00
	Drawstring Backpacks	500	3.70	1,850.00
	Bamboo Pens	1000	1.08	1,075.00
6,245.00				
Crown Supplies Limited	MPP Name Badges	9	13.44	121.00
121.00				
Dioscuri Limited	Bamboo Pens	500	3.26	1,630.00
1,630.00				
TOTAL				\$17,674.50