

14 July 2025

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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA052-2024/25)

On 13 June 2025, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information regarding a copy of the Ministry's Weekly Report for the period ending Friday 30 May 2025 and MPP's engagement framework. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

Can I please request the below documents under the OIA:

- *Weekly Report for period ending Friday 30 May 2025*
- *MPP's engagement framework.*

I have appended to this letter the Ministry's Weekly Report. Please note that some information has been withheld under:

- section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

I am satisfied that there are no public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the information in these documents that are withheld under section 9 of the OIA available.

I am refusing the second document requested, MPP's Engagement Framework, under section 18(d) of the OIA as the documents will be made publicly available later this year. The MPP Engagement Framework forms part of a broader initiative that is scheduled for release toward the end of the year.

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

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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: oiia_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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Lu Avia
Chief Advisor
Executive Office



Ministry for **Pacific Peoples**

Te Manatū mō ngā Iwi o te Moana-nui-ā-Kiwa

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER FOR PACIFIC PEOPLES

For period ending 30 May 2025

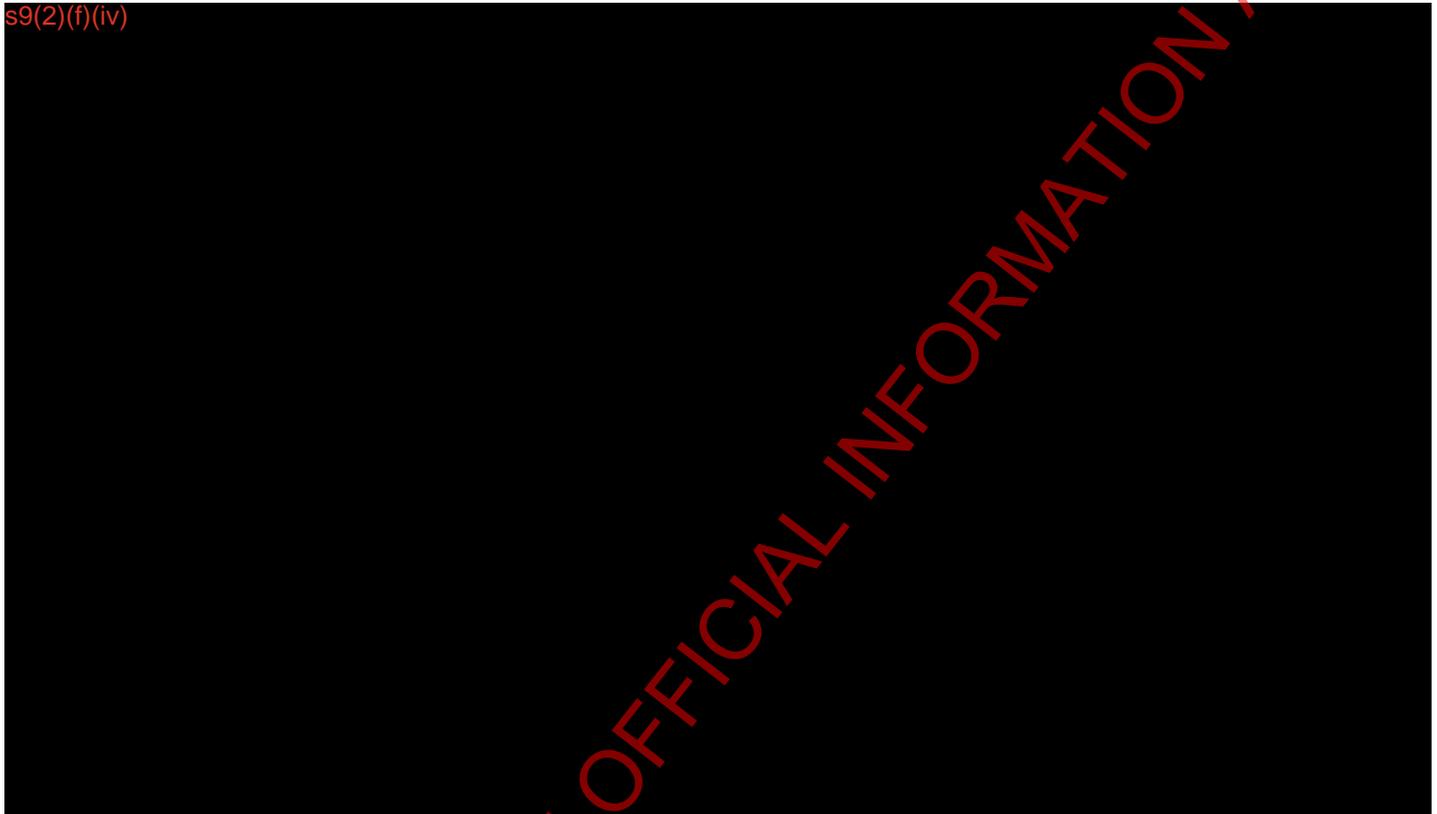
1. NEED TO KNOW

1.1 Weekly updates on the Ministry's four priority targets

The Ministry's status updates on your four priority targets are provided in **Appendix 1**. Updates on your supplementary targets will be provided next week.

Mata'afa Florence Malama, Acting Deputy Secretary, Commissioning & Partnerships

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Dr James Greenwell, Interim Deputy Secretary, Policy & Insights.

1.3 Board Appointment Update

The Ministry has initiated advertising for upcoming vacancies for the Pacific Business Trust (PBT) and Centre for Pacific Languages (CPL) Boards. PBT aims to build strong economic foundation for Pacific peoples in Aotearoa by providing business ownership, while CPL is dedicated to preserving, maintaining, and promoting Pacific languages in New Zealand, primarily serving Pacific adult learners.

The Ministry is advertising for:

- three board member roles for the CPL Board
- one Board Chair and three board members for the PBT Board.

The recommended candidates are expected to be presented for your consideration by mid-July 2025, following the completion of advertising, interviews, and due diligence.

Lu Avia, Chief Advisor to Secretary, Executive Office

2. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Post-Budget communications

Following Government's Budget announcements, the Ministry has shared summary information on Vote Pacific Peoples on its website and stakeholder newsletter, alongside initial meetings with Tupu Aotearoa and Pacific Business Village providers. Stakeholder engagement will continue in June 2025 on the operational impact of Budget reductions. The Ministry will support your office with follow-up queries.

Jaimee Burke, Director Communications, Corporate & Support Services

3. PRIORITY UPDATES

🌿 Law & Order

3.1 Auckland Pacific Wardens Trust

On 28 May 2025, you attended a meet and greet with the Auckland Pacific Wardens Trust (the Trust), where you announced \$1 million over four years for Pacific Wardens. The announcement was well received by attendees, including Pacific media, Trust board members, community representatives, and many Pacific Wardens who volunteer their time to serve communities.

Ministry officials supported the event and took the opportunity to hear directly from attendees about how the funding could have the greatest impact. s9(2)(f)(iv)

The Ministry has begun work to determine how the new funding will be administered, s9(2)(f)(iv)

Outcome measures will also be developed to help track progress and capture the full story of the positive impact Pacific Wardens continue to have on communities.

Mata'afa Florence Malama, Acting Deputy Secretary, Commissioning & Partnerships

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

4.1 Hakupu Village Festival

On 17 May 2025, the Ministry attended the second annual Hakupu Village Festival (the Festival) in Manukau, Auckland. The event was well attended by the Niue community and organised by a Niuean community network, Three Star Nation. The Festival promotes financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and encourages stallholders to gain hands-on experience in selling goods and building basic business skills.

The Festival continues to strengthen the Ministry's ties with the Niue community, positioning Three Star Nation as an influential stakeholder. Three Star Nation has shown strong capability to mobilise the Niue community nationally. This was demonstrated earlier this year through their organisation of the Hologa Niue festival, which successfully engaged a broader and younger audience in the language and culture space.

By focusing on intergenerational learning, the Festival celebrated Niue cultural while building entrepreneurial skills among young people. This aligns with the Ministry's economic growth priority by empowering the next

generation with the skills and confidence to thrive as stallholders and vendors, and by reinforcing pathways to future business ownership.

Mata'afa Florence Malama, Acting Deputy Secretary, Commissioning & Partnerships

5. MINISTERIAL SERVICING

Upcoming papers			
Title	Summary	Date expected	Key contact
Information Pack: Hearing Pack for Estimates 2025/26	Provides you with information to support your attendance at the 2025/26 Estimates Examination for Vote Pacific Peoples on 18 June 2025	10 June 2025	Lu Avia Chief Advisor to the Secretary
Briefing: Reprioritising funding for the Pacific Healthy Homes Initiative (B033-2024/25)	Provides you with advice on how the Pacific Healthy Homes Initiative can be continued through reprioritised funding.	12 June 2025	Dr James Greenwell Interim Deputy Secretary, Policy & Insights
Aide memoire: Meeting with Fibre Fale (AM035-2024/25)	Provides you with information to support your meeting with Fibre Fale scheduled for Thursday 26 June 2025.	19 June 2025	John Tu'amoheloa Deputy Secretary, Commissioning & Partnerships
Briefing: Review of languages key performance indicators (B031-2024/25)	Provides you with an update regarding the review of some of the languages key performance indicators.	Mid-June 2025	Dr James Greenwell Interim Deputy Secretary, Policy & Insights
Briefing: Update on tracking progress and outcomes for recipients of Toloa scholarships (B037-2024/25)	Provides you with an update on the tracking progress and outcomes for recipients of Toloa scholarships.	26 June 2025	Dr James Greenwell Interim Deputy Secretary, Policy & Insights
Memo: Update on feedback on the Delivering for Pacific Communities Strategy (MM032-2024/25)	Provides you with an update following the consultation process with the community.	17 July 2025	Dr James Greenwell Interim Deputy Secretary, Policy & Insights
Proactive Briefing: Long Term Insights Briefing (B024-2024/25)	Provides you with an update on the Long-Term Insights Briefing.	Mid-July 2025	Dr James Greenwell Interim Deputy Secretary, Policy & Insights

Official Information Act requests in progress

Ministerial OIA requests

Reference	Requester	Information requested	Due to Minister
SROIA-056 (MOIA006)	s9(2)(a)	Copy of the Minister's Weekly Report for the period ending 2 May 2025.	5 June 2025
Departmental OIA requests			
Reference	Requester	Information requested	Due to requester
DOIA043	s9(2)(a)	Copy of Memo titled Six-month progress update on MPP's Housing programme.	3 June 2025
DOIA044	s9(2)(a)	Why their application for the Tauola Business Fund was unsuccessful.	9 June 2025
DOIA045	s9(2)(a)	Information about the use of artificial intelligence.	11 June 2025
DOIA046	s9(2)(a)	Total redundancy spend, job cut numbers, cost savings & future cost saving initiatives.	17 June 2025
DOIA047	s9(2)(a)	Copies of documents received by Minister Reti for week beginning 5 May 2025.	18 June 2025
DOIA048 (new)	s9(2)(a)	Allocation of funding for Dawn Raids Apology.	24 June 2025
DOIA049 (new)	s9(2)(a)	Advice provided to the Crown Response Unit and/or Office about the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State and Faith-Based Care.	24 June 2025

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6. THE MINISTRY'S ADVICE

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APPENDIX ONE: PRIORITY TARGETS PROGRESS UPDATE 30 MAY 2025

Health

DESCRIPTION

The Ministry addresses one of the key social determinants of health for Pacific peoples through the Pacific Healthy Homes initiative

Eligibility Criteria

Healthy Homes Initiative

Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora:

- low-income families, overcrowded
- people with rheumatic fever
- pregnant women
- children 0-19yrs old who have been hospitalised with a preventable hospital admission.

Warmer Kiwi Homes - Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority:

low-income homeowners in a home built before 2008.

The Pacific Healthy Homes initiative expands on this to also include:

- Pacific peoples aged 45+ years who have experienced an ASH condition
- are a New Zealand citizen, low income
- live in either South Auckland or Porirua.

2024/25 Appropriation: \$1.745M

Programme Review

A review of PHHI is underway by the University of Otago and is expected to be completed by late 2025.

TARGET 1 Deliver 2,400 healthy housing interventions by June 2025 **EXCEEDED**

PROGRESS AGAINST OUR ANNUAL TARGET		S. AUCKLAND	PORIRUA	TOTAL
Referrals received		397	200	597
Interventions delivered		2,085	3,150	5,235

CURRENT UPDATE

Since 16 May 2025, 26 more referrals were received and 328 more interventions were delivered.

Impact Story

The initiative has helped a Pacific family in South Auckland create a warmer, healthier home. Upgrades included a new heat pump, repaired and re-glazed windows, installed kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans, and replaced door seals. The family also received winter warmer packs and a mould cleaning kit. The family shared that their home is now much warmer, their health has improved, and day-to-day life feels easier. One family member described the change simply: "My health's a solid 10".

ANNUAL OVERVIEW

2024/25 FY	Q1 Jul-Sep 24	Q2 Oct-Dec 24	Q3 Jan-Mar 25	Q4 Apr-Jun 25
597 referrals 5,235 interventions	Ongoing delivery	Ongoing delivery. Preparation for evaluation in 2025	Ongoing delivery. Evaluation commences	Delivery of targets achieved; evaluation ongoing

FUNDING PROFILE

2023/2024	2024/2025
\$2.255M	\$1.745M

Housing

DESCRIPTION

The Ministry supports improved housing for Pacific peoples through the following initiatives:

- Pacific Building Affordable Homes (PBAH) Fund**
2024/25 Appropriation: NIL
Average Funding Contribution: \$13,908,454.00 fully committed in 23/24 FY to deliver 73 homes. The average contribution from the Ministry is \$190,526.77 per home.
- Our Whare Our Fale Central Pacific Collective**
2024/25 Appropriation: \$35.873M
- Pacific Community Housing Provider Registration Support Service**
Previous FY's Funding: \$270K
2024/25 Appropriation: NIL
- Pacific Financial Capability**
2024/25 Appropriation: \$2.72M
Programme Review: Reviewed independently in 2023. Planning is underway for a review in 2025/26.
- Pacific Housing Feasibility Support Service**
Previous FY's Funding: \$1.676M
2024/25 Appropriation: NIL

Our providers work to build homes in the following locations:

AUCKLAND		WAIKATO	WELLINGTON	CHRISTCHURCH	OTAGO
7 homes in Manurewa East	8 homes in Otāhuhu 16 homes in Point England	4 homes in Māngere East	10 homes in Māngere West	3 homes in Hamilton	Up to 300 homes in Porirua
PBAH - 5 Field Roads Ltd	PBAH - Fruition Homes	PBAH - Penina Trust	NZ Housing	Pacific Housing Waikato	Central Pacific Collective
OCT '24	SEP '25	DEC '25	MAR '26	JUN '25	MAY '25

*Note that these completion dates are subject to change due to external factors such as inflation, market trends, and changes in labour and material costs.

ANNUAL OVERVIEW

2024/25 FY	Q1 Jul-Sep 24	Q2 Oct-Dec 24	Q3 Jan-Mar 25	Q4 Apr-Jun 25
17 homes delivered	Briefing on concluded programmes	CPC construction to commence	Contracted providers, commence delivery	Delivery ongoing, annual target achieve

FUNDING PROFILE

2024/2025	2025/2026
\$35.873M	\$40.231M

Pacific business growth

DESCRIPTION

The Ministry has the following economic development initiatives:

- Pacific Business Trust**
Plays a proactive role in supporting Pacific businesses to be successful and thrive and continue to deliver a range of business-facing services to Pacific businesses nationwide.
2024/25 Appropriation: \$4.8M
Programme Review: 2022/23 PwC review of PBT.
- Pacific Business Village**
Support sustained growth in the Pacific business sector and to provide a strategic framework for long-term economic development for Pacific businesses nationwide.
 - Regional networks - connect with Pacific businesses in their respective region, and partner them with providers.
 - Providers - provide specialist advice to businesses.
 2024/25 Appropriation: \$2.96M
Programme Review: No reviews undertaken. Review planned for 2025/2026.
- Tauola Business Fund - direct investment for businesses**
2024/25 Appropriation: \$3.292M
Programme Review: Malatest International conducted a formative impact evaluation in 2022. Tauola is currently being reviewed, and we expect this to be completed by 30 June 2025.

TARGET 3 Create up to 130 new jobs every year by June 2025 **EXCEEDED**

PROGRESS AGAINST OUR ANNUAL TARGET		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Jobs created		6	163	142		311

CURRENT UPDATE

Since 16 May 2025, there is no report of additional jobs created for Q3. This number will increase as we are still awaiting one final report for this quarter.

Job creation by region (Q3):	
NORTHLAND	19 (13.4%)
AUCKLAND	39 (27.5%)
WAIKATO	9 (6.3%)
BAY OF PLENTY	75 (52.8%)

ANNUAL OVERVIEW

2024/25 FY	Q1 Jul-Sep 24	Q2 Oct-Dec 24	Q3 Jan-Mar 25	Q4 Apr-Jun 25
311 jobs created	Networks and providers contracted	Tauola Business Fund Round 3 launched	Assessment, selection and contracting of successful Tauola Business Fund recipients	Ongoing implementation

FUNDING PROFILE

2024/2025	2025/2026
\$11.142M	\$6.292M

Note: Funding includes the Pacific Business Village and Pacific Business Trust. Funding under this appropriation is baselined and ongoing.

Employment & education

DESCRIPTION

Tupu Aotearoa aims to assist Pacific peoples who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) obtain sustainable employment and/or undertake further training to increase their skills or qualifications.

2024/25 Appropriation: \$10.752M

Programme Review

Three key reviews have assessed the programme since its inception. These include an independent review by Marlow Consulting Limited in 2020, an internal review in 2023 and most recently, an external review by Deloitte in May 2024.

TARGET 4 2,000 placements to support Pacific peoples into new jobs, education, or training by June 2025 **ON TRACK**

PROGRESS AGAINST OUR ANNUAL TARGET		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Education		384	138	11	13	546
Employment		198	628	54	10	890
TOTAL		582	766	65	23	1,436

CURRENT UPDATE

Since 16 May 2025, there have been an additional 7 employment placements and 13 education placements for Q4. Due to a reporting lag, providers are working at pace to upload updated figures. We are on track to meet the 2,000 placements target but will be able to provide final figures for the 2024/25 financial year by mid-July 2025 following the receipt of provider reports. Provider and regional breakdown information is available on request.

ANNUAL OVERVIEW

2024/25 FY	Q1 Jul-Sep 24	Q2 Oct-Dec 24	Q3 Jan-Mar 25	Q4 Apr-Jun 25
1,436 placements	Procurement	Contract negotiations/finalisation	Contracted providers, continue delivery	Evaluation - annual target achieved

FUNDING PROFILE

2024/2025	2025/2026
\$10.752M	\$6.594M

Note: funding under this appropriation is baselined and ongoing.