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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 3 July 2021 you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Copies of any communications you have sent to suppliers or contractors asking whether they meet the definition of a Māori business;*
- *Copies of any communications you have sent to suppliers or contractors advising them of the requirements of the Progressive Procurement Policy;*
- *The number/value of contracts your agency has terminated because a supplier or contractor didn't meet the definition of a Māori business since the Progressive Procurement Policy came into force;*
- *The number/value of contracts your agency has signed with Māori businesses since the Progressive Procurement Policy came into force.*

The Ministry currently holds no information on Māori suppliers or contractors since the Progressive Procurement Policy has come into force, therefore your request is refused under 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

The Ministry will engage with businesses and providers who best meet the interests and aspirations of progressing our Lalaga Fou Goals and Pacific communities' interests.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: contact@mpp.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, 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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