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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 27 November 2021, you requested information regarding the Pacific Financial Capability Fund (the Fund) which is administered by the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry). Your request is being dealt with under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

- *How much total money was in this founding pool?*

The total funding available under the Fund was \$15.74 million for delivery of financial capability building programmes to families and communities over a four year period.

- *Who got the money?*

The Ministry received 53 applications for funding and 19 programmes were selected. The Ministry has published the list of Pacific providers delivering financial capability services on our website here: www.mpp.govt.nz/programmes/pacific-housing-initiative. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information requested is publicly available.

- *How much did they each get?*

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information will soon be publicly available on our website.

- *What creative and innovative solutions have they come up with that will make a difference?*

There are a range of creative and innovative solutions that are being delivered across the 19 programmes by our providers to support families to build their financial capability. The programmes are a mixture of new initiatives and extensions of existing, proven programmes.

- *And how many of our Pasifika people have you put into new homes in the last 6 months?*

Providers are building people's ability to get into homes themselves. I can advise that the formal evaluation of the programme next year will show the number of people who have achieved their home ownership goals. Currently, 15 people have achieved home ownership goals.

- *And how many of our Pasifika people do you plan to get into their new homes in the next 6 months?*

We expect 100-150 people to achieve direct home ownership in the next 6-12 months and a further 150 to achieve home ownership within 24 months.

- *Due to your delays, what is the nett loss to each family, as a result of the increase in property values in this time frame? (this is relevant to the argument of "affordable" homes)*

I can confirm that there has not been a delay in the delivery of this programme – delivery began in June 2021 as scheduled.

- *And value for money, comparatively - how many Pasifika families will you put into their own homes? (for our \$175,000, we would have got 10 families into their own homes)*

As mentioned previously, the Ministry will be conducting a formal evaluation of the programme next year and the information you have requested will be identified during this process.

In support of the principles and purposes of the OIA, the Ministry proactively publishes its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter will be published on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

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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