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## RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA003-2023/24)

On 10 August 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to Ministry events in excess of \$10,000. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

*A list of all events the ministry has held or had some responsibility for hosting that cost in excess of \$10,000 over the past year? Can the total cost for each of these events please be provided, along with a breakdown of what contributed to the costs? It would be helpful to also know the business purpose or justification for each event as well.*

The Ministry reports payments in financial years. For this reason, appended to this response is a table summarising the information requested in the 2022/23 financial year. In 2022/23, there have been 14 events in excess of \$10,000.

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.

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Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: [oi\\_a\\_requests@mpp.govt.nz](mailto:oi_a_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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Ajmal', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ali Ajmal  
**Chief of Staff,  
Office of the Secretary**

Appendix 1: Ministry for Pacific Peoples' events over \$10,000 for the 2022/23 year

Event	Purpose	Cost breakdown (\$)									Amount (\$)
		Attendees	Venue	Catering	Event support <sup>1</sup>	Design costs <sup>2</sup>	Travel <sup>3</sup>	Accommodation	Miscellaneous	Koha and/or gifts	
<b>Dawn Raids Apology Commemoration<sup>4</sup></b>	Commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the Dawn Raids Apology	200	N/A	2,660.00	124,365.43	17,914.79	2,040.00	N/A	235.09	9,734.77	156,950.08
<b>All-of-Government Pacific Wellbeing Strategy launch</b>	Formal launch of the Pacific Wellbeing Strategy	250	37,235.00	Included in venue hire	Included in venue hire	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37,235.00
<b>Pacific Languages Strategy and Leo Moana launch</b>	Formal launch of the Pacific Languages Strategy and Leo Moana Report	250	28,078.79	Included in venue hire	1,410.29	N/A	1,500.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	30,989.08
<b>Pacific Business Village Expansion to Auckland</b>	Formal launch of the Pacific Business Village expansion to Auckland	160	20,598.00	Included in venue hire	2,360.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22,958.00
<b>Fale mo Aiga – Pacific Housing Strategy launch</b>	Formal launch of the Fale mo Aiga – Pacific Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2030	150	876.52	9,951.09	3,167.60	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,300.00	200	16,495.21
<b>Prime Minister's Pacific Youth Awards (PMPYA)</b>	Celebration of successful PMPYA recipients and recognition of their achievements	170	19,582.50	Included in venue hire	16,725.83	3,254.40	N/A	N/A	4,760.00	N/A	44,322.73
<b>Tolosa Awards 2023 Christchurch</b>	Celebration of Pacific students in STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths	150	4,305.65	5,934.78	3,422.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,662.43
<b>Tolosa Awards 2023 Auckland</b>	Celebration of Pacific students in STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths	560	47,086.83	Included in venue hire	500.00	5,742.64	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	53,329.47
<b>Tolosa Awards 2023 Wellington</b>	Celebration of Pacific students in STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths	220	N/A	15,834.20	6,187.40	288.00	2,548.80	N/A	N/A	N/A	24,908.20
<b>Post Budget Breakfast Wellington</b>	Talanoa with Pacific communities, stakeholders, and Government on the Pacific package in Budget 23	220	5,000.00	1,500.00	8,101.75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,601.75
<b>Post Budget Breakfast Hawke's Bay</b>	Talanoa with Pacific communities, stakeholders, and Government on the Pacific package in Budget 23	120	700.00	5,000.00	7,570.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,270.25
<b>Post Budget Breakfast Auckland</b>	Talanoa with Pacific communities, stakeholders, and Government on the Pacific package in Budget 23	200	2,434.78	9,950.00	7,009.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19,394.03
<b>All Staff Planning Fono</b>	Planning and strategy discussions with all staff.	118	18,440.35	Included in venue hire	5,602.21	N/A	32,154.73	15,937.86	21.86	N/A	72,157.01
<b>Farewell for Secretary for Pacific Peoples</b>	Farewell event for outgoing Secretary for Pacific Peoples	213	13,149.52	Included in venue hire	5,465.52	N/A	5,806.22	1,337.42	5,948.05	7,555.49 <sup>5</sup>	39,262.22
<b>TOTAL</b>											<b>559,535.46</b>

Notes

1. Event support relates to costs incurred in order to run the event (e.g., audio visual support).
2. Design costs relate to the design and printing of materials associated with the event (e.g. programmes and certificates).
3. Travel includes hiring of transportation to transport guests to and from events as well as flights (in certain cases).
4. This event also included the announcement of the scholarship award recipients for the Ministry of Education's Tuli Takes Flight Fund, the launch of the Teu Le Va Dawn Raids History Community Fund – Round 2 and the formal signing of the partnership and Kōtuitanga between MPP and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.
5. Mr Leauanae repaid and returned all gifts and remain the property of the Ministry.

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