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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA008-2023/24)

On 15 August 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to Government and Public Service Chief Executive attendees at the former Secretary's farewell. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

I've just been reviewing the documents you have released regarding the farewell event for your outgoing secretary.

- 1. I note that according to the programme, representatives of public service chief executives spoke at the event - who were they?*
- 2. Did anyone represent the government (eg the minister or their delegate) at the event?*

At the farewell of the outgoing Secretary for Pacific Peoples, speakers included Renee Graham, Chief Executive of the Social Wellbeing Agency and the former Minister of Pacific Peoples, Hon Aupito William Sio.

- 3. Which MPP official led the planning for the event?*

The planning of the event was approved by the Ministry's Acting Secretary for Pacific Peoples at the time, Tuaopepe Abba Fidow.

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_requests@mpp.govt.nz.

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Ali Ajmal
**Deputy Secretary,
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