

31 January 2023

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## RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 19 January 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the amount spent on consultants. Specifically, you requested:

*“...all information regarding the total amount spent on consultants—per consultancy firm—for each of the last six years. Please note that the annual reviews do not provide the total amount spent on consultants, per consultancy firm.”*

The information for the financial years from 2016/17 to 2019/20 has been provided as an appendix to the Ministry’s 2019/20 Annual Review responses and is publicly available [here](#). Similarly, the information for the 2020/21 financial year has been provided as an appendix to the Ministry’s 2020/21 Annual Review responses and is publicly available [here](#). The information for the 2021/22 financial year will soon be publicly available as an appendix to the Ministry’s 2021/22 Annual Review responses.

I am therefore refusing your request in full under section 18(d) as the information requested is currently or will soon be publicly available.

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.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: [oia\\_requests@mpp.govt.nz](mailto:oia_requests@mpp.govt.nz).

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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.

Mālō 'aupito

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leatigaga Jason Tualima', is positioned above the printed name.

Leatigaga Jason Tualima  
**Deputy Secretary,**  
**Corporate Services**