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**RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA003-2025/26)**

On 30 June 2025, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information regarding a list of dignitaries and programme of the Dawn Raids Apology ceremony. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

*Talofa Lava,*

*This is **s9(2)(a)** Polynesian Panther and Author of the book *My New Zealand Story Dawn Raid*. I am writing another book for young people, this time about the Dawn Raid apology. I am wondering if you could help me with information about who the dignitaries were that were invited to the Apology on 1 August 2021 at the Auckland Town Hall.*

*I was also wondering if I could have access to an electronic copy of the programme from the apology as I would like to include this in the historical notes section of the book.*

*With thanks*

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Due to privacy considerations under the OIA, aligned with section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons including that of deceased natural persons, the list of dignitaries cannot be released at this time. However, the Ministry welcomes the opportunity to meet in person or online to discuss the list in more detail, to see if there is some information that we can provide you.

With regard to the programme, the Ministry released this in response to an Official Information Act request we received in July 2024. You will find a copy of our response on our website. You can find the Order of Ceremony section (pages 99 – 116), that contains the official programme [here](#). A clean, watermark-free copy of the Order of Ceremony document, is attached to this letter for your convenience.

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Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: [uia\\_requests@mpp.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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