

30 July 2025

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Kia orāna **s9(2)(a)**

RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA004-2025/26)

On 7 July 2025, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about the Ministry's Matariki expenditure for the year 2025. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982. I would like to request the following:

1. *The total amount spent by your agency on any events, celebrations, activities, communications, or acknowledgements of **Matariki** for the year **2025***
2. *A breakdown of this expenditure, including (where available):*
 - *Catering or hospitality costs*
 - *Venue or facility hire*
 - *Decorations or materials*
 - *Staff time or internal resourcing*
 - *External consultants, contractors, or performers*
 - *Public communications or media related to Matariki*
3. *Any internal communications, planning documents, or briefings related to the planning or justification for this expenditure.*

If your agency did not spend any money on Matariki events in any given year, please confirm that explicitly.

I would appreciate it if you could provide the requested information in an accessible format, ideally in electronic form (e.g., PDFs or Word documents). If any part of the requested information is withheld, I would be grateful if you could provide a justification for the withholding in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act.

If you require any further clarification or need more detail in order to process this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Auckland

9 Ronwood Ave, Manukau
PO Box 97005,
South Auckland Mail Centre 2240
P: 09 265 3200

Wellington National Office

Level 7, 1 Bowen House
Wellington, 6011
PO Box 833, Wellington 6143
P: 04 473 4493

Christchurch

Level 1, BNZ Centre
120 Hereford St
Private Bag 4741,
Christchurch 8011

Under the Act, I understand that you are required to respond to this request within 20 working days. If for any reason you are unable to meet this timeframe, I kindly request that you inform me as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

The Ministry's total spend for Matariki events in 2025

The Ministry's total spend for Matariki events in 2025 is outlined in the table below.

EVENT	SPEND	TOTAL SPEND (INCL GST)
Event 1: Fefine Kakala Matariki Wāhine Toa event (online)	\$187.10	\$367.10
Event 2: Matariki mā Puanga Hautapu (Tirorangi Marae)	\$180.00	

Event 1: Fefine Kakala (the Ministry's Women's Network) Matariki Wāhine Toa online event

The Ministry's spend for Event 1, which was hosted by the Ministry's Women's Network (Fefine Kakala) was \$187.10. The spend covered light refreshments offered to staff at the Ministry's Central, Auckland, and Southern regional offices following the online event.

The Ministry did not incur any other costs as it was an online, staff-only event. All activities, including the planning, were carried out via internal communication channels during regular operating hours and within the Ministry's existing operational budget.

A breakdown of the Ministry's expenditure for this event by region is provided in the table below.

MATARIKI WĀHINE TOA ONLINE EVENT	CENTRAL	AUCKLAND	SOUTHERN	TOTAL SPEND (INCL GST)
Catering or hospitality	\$100.21	\$56.89	\$30.00	\$187.10

I have appended to this letter a copy of each invoice for the purchase of light refreshments, the staff calendar invite and event poster, and the Secretary for Pacific Peoples' briefing for the event (refer to **Appendix 1**).

Event 2: Matariki mā Puanga Hautapu (Tirorangi Marae)

The Ministry's spend for Event 2, which the Ministry's Central regional Director for Commissioning and Partnerships attended on behalf of the Secretary for Pacific Peoples, was \$180.00. The spend covered the Director's accommodation for one night. The Ministry did not incur any other costs for this event.

I have appended to this letter a copy of the Directorate's accommodation booking itinerary and the event invitation to the Secretary for Pacific Peoples (refer to **Appendix 1**).

Please note, some information in the event invitation has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons.


I am satisfied that there are no public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the information in this document that is withheld under section 9 of the OIA 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: oa_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.

Meitaki ma'ata



Mata'afa Florence Malama
Acting Deputy Secretary
Commissioning & Partnerships

Appendix 1 – List of documents

#	DATE	DOCUMENT TITLE	DECISION ON RELEASE
1	18 June 2025	Central invoices for Fefine Kakala Matariki Wāhine Toa event.	Released in full.
2	18 June 2025	Auckland invoice for Fefine Kakala Matariki Wāhine Toa event.	Released in full.
3	18 June 2025	Southern invoice for Fefine Kakala Matariki Wāhine Toa event.	Released in full.
4	18 June 2025	Fefine Kakala Matariki Wāhine Toa event staff invite and poster.	Released in full.
5	18 June 2025	Event brief for the Secretary for Pacific Peoples.	Released in full.
6	19 June 2025	Accommodation booking itinerary for Director.	Released in full.
7	28 May 2025	Invitation to Matariki mā Puanga Hautapu.	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).

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Central invoices for Fefine Kakala
Matariki Wāhine Toa event

Lambton Mart
Wellington

106 Lambton Quay
Wellington
Ph 04 9748500

ITEM	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
ATTIES TOMATO SCE	6.90	1.00	6.90
Total Due			6.90
Tax Component			0.90
MASTER Card			6.90
CHANGE			\$0.00

18 Jun 2025 12:36:44 1 0001 00586423
Salesperson : ALPESH

GST# 118 281 322

Thank you for shopping at
LAMBTON MART

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PAK'nSAVE

**** PAK'nSAVE PORIRUA ****
 12-14 PARUMOANA STREET PORIRUA
 NORTH CITY MARKET LIMITED
 PH: (04) 2380601

Order online and collect from the store
 Go to paknsave.co.nz/shop
 KIA KAHA. STRESSED OR OVERWHELMED?
 CALL OR TEXT 1737 FOR FREE KORERO

ETA RIPPLES CHICKEN 150G	\$1.49
ETA RIPPLES SALT / VINEGAR 150G	\$1.49
ETA RIPPLES SOUR CREAM / CHIVES 150G	\$1.49
GRIFFINS CRACKERS SNAX 250G	\$3.49
MAGGI SOUP MIX ONION 32G	\$1.29
NESTLE REDUCED CREAM 230ML	\$3.59
PANS SALTED PRETZELS 300G	\$3.99
CARROTS	\$1.61
CELERY	\$1.89
PINEAPPLE GOLD	\$5.98
2 @ \$2.99	\$5.98
PHILADELPHIA SWEET CHILLI POUROVER 250G	\$3.29
VERKERKS DANISH SALAMI 100G	\$3.29
VERKERKS ITALIAN SALAMI 100G	\$0.39
GRATPAK CHECKOUT BAG HNDL 1EA	\$4.99
CAKE BANANA SMALL	\$3.14
ORNELLE BRIE 110G	\$3.14
ORNELLE CAMEMBERT 110G	\$3.14
18 BALANCE DUE	\$49.24
EFTPOS	\$49.24
*****6841	
Auth Code = 039591	
SUB TOTAL	\$42.82
TOTAL GST	\$6.42
TOTAL	\$49.24
CHANGE	\$0.00

PAK N SAVE PORIRUA
 12-14 PARUMOANA S
 WELLINGTON

-----EFTPOS-----

TERMINAL	24587653
TIME	17Jun25 17:07
TRAN 208841	CREDIT
VISA	
CARD6841
CONTACTLESS	
Visa DEBIT	
RID:	A000000003
PIX:	1010
ARQC	3FECDE8B2EE3F280
TVR	0000000000
ATC	0127
TSI	0000
AUTH 039591	
PURCHASE	NZD49.24
TOTAL	NZD49.24

ACCEPTED

CUSTOMER COPY

CASHIER NAME: SCO Cashier C
 17/06/2025 17:07:44 05059 053 2781 0203

***** TAX INVOICE *****

*** GST No: 122-261-557 ***

All items GST inclusive
 unless otherwise specified by (*)

***** BE IN TO WIN \$500 *****

Tell us how we did today and go
 into the monthly draw to win a
 \$500 PAK'nSave gift card

Have your say at paknsave.co.nz/surveys

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Woolworths

9154 Porirua PH: 04 239 6060
 Cnr Parumoana St and Lyttleton Avenue
 Tax Invoice/Credit Note - GST No. 44-833-938

WW Sausage Roll Frozen 800g		14.80
Qty 2 @ \$7.40 each		7.50
WW Cocktail Spring Rolls 60pk 1kg		-1.17
Our Brands Disc		-1.06
Team Discount		-1.06
3 SUBTOTAL		\$20.07
TOTAL		\$20.07

WOOLWORTHS NZ 9154	PORIRUA	NZ
MERCH ID: 611000609009154	TERM ID	N9154081
Visa DEBIT	CARD:	6841 T
AID A0000000031010	PURCHASE	NZ\$20.07
TVR 0000000000		
ARQC 20626E9FF5B1D36E	TOTAL	NZ\$20.07
ATC 0128	PSN	00
17/06/25 17:20 000875	APPROVED	00

EFT	\$20.07
Change	\$0.00

TOTAL includes GST	\$2.62
OTHER SAVINGS:	\$2.23

TOTAL SAVINGS \$2.23

EVERYDAY REWARDS
 CARD: *****2212
 POINTS COLLECTED THIS SHOP: 42
 CURRENT POINTS BALANCE: 1679

Thank you for visiting Woolworths today.

Tell us about your experience
 for a CHANCE TO WIN a
 share of over \$1,000 worth
 of Everyday Rewards vouchers
 to be won monthly.
 Terms & Conditions apply.

Share your feedback at
<http://woolworthsnzlistens.co.nz>

Thank you for shopping with us

STORE 9154 POS 081 TRANS 875 17:20 17/06/2025



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Rise And Shine Foodmart
4 Warspite Avenue, Cannons
Creek, Porirua 5024
Phone: 02040874913

Receipt/Tax Invoice
GST # 143-303-136
Sale #4878821577

1 MISC!	\$12.00
1 MISC!	\$12.00

Included Tax	\$3.13
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Total	\$24.00
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EFTPOS	\$24.00
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Outstanding	\$0.00
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18/06/2025 7:52:09 am

You were served by: Roneel

Shazmeen

POS by salespoint.nz

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Packing Slip

(Invoice will follow by email)

Order Confirmation Number CD42695333
Order Number 43961306
Date 18 Jun 2025

Page 1 of 1

**Auckland invoice for Fefine
Kakala Matariki Wāhine Toa event**

Deliver To:
Sio Kihe La'a Talakai-Alatini

Courier Track & Trace
Standard Packs 1

Customer Pick up
p3

Deliver On: Wed 18 Jun 2025 between 9:30 am and 10:00 am

Ref	Description	Ordered	Supplied	Unit Price	Amount
These items were supplied in full as ordered:					
Deli & Chilled Foods					
3	Instore deli platter cheese & cracker	1 ea	1 ea	\$43.00/ea	\$43.00
Drinks - Hot & Cold					
1	Bundaberg soft drink sparkling pink grapefruit 6pk 200ml cans	1 ea	1 ea	\$7.39/ea	\$7.39
2	Just juice fruit juice orange & mango 250ml 6pk 250ml	1 ea	1 ea	\$6.50/ea	\$6.50
Product Total (excluded discounts, delivery fees and bag charges)					\$56.89

For your convenience a digital version of this document has been sent to you by email.

You will only be charged for items we have been able to supply.

If you purchased any weighted items, the price you pay is for the weight of the items you receive.

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Southern invoice
for Fefine Kakala
Matariki Wāhine
Toa event

Sale # SP-106 2025-06-18 10:51:53
0617225039
Served by: Em K
SP-106 0617225039

Description	Amount
Flat white - Small	\$5.50
- Trim	\$0.00
- Discount:	-\$5.50
Chai - Medium	\$6.50
- Spicy chai	\$0.00
Latte - Medium	\$5.00
- Trim	\$0.00
- Caramel \$1.10	\$1.10
Muffin - Sweet x 2	\$4.20
Scone - Cheese	\$4.90

Subtotal: \$30.00
Total ex tax: \$26.09
- GST \$3.91

Total Inc Tax: \$30.00

Method	Amount
Smartpay	\$30.00

Prices shown in NZD

2025-06-18 10:51:57
Register: M:BNZ POS 1
Printer: FOH FOOD
Sale ID: 4b3yqz6i

ROBERT HARRIS CBD
120 HEREFORD STREET
CHRISTCHURCH

-----EFTPOS-----

TERMINAL 24120701
TIME 18JUN25 10:51
TRAN 042254 CREDIT
MCARD
CARD3789
CONTACTLESS
Mastercard
RID: A000000004
PIX: 1010
ARQC: 402E01302E321B3
TVR: 0000008001
ATC: 1047
TSI: 0000
AUTH: 572199
PURCHASE NZ\$30.00
TOTAL NZ\$30.00

ACCEPTED

*****DUPLICATE RECEIPT*****

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IN-CONFIDENCE

Fefine Kakala Matariki Wāhine Toa staff calendar invite and event poster

From: Paige Aiolupotea Aiono <paige.aiono@mpp.govt.nz>

Sent on: Friday, June 13, 2025 3:25:55 AM

To: All Staff <Ministry@mpp.govt.nz>

Subject: IN-CONFIDENCE:Fefine Kakala - Matariki Wāhine Toa event

IN-CONFIDENCE

Kia ora koutou,

Fefine Kakala (MPP's Women's Network) invite you to an enlightening **Matariki event and Wāhine Toa Discussion panel**.

In addition, we will share mātauranga (knowledge) on Matariki (Māori New Year) and provide updates from Fefine Kakala.

Please see details for today's online session below.

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IN-CONFIDENCE

 **FEFINE KAKALA (MPP'S WOMEN'S NETWORK)**
INVITES YOU TO A PANEL DISCUSSION

MATARIKI WĀHINE TOA EVENT

**BRIONY CAREW
LILIAN-GRACE SIAOPO
MAGELE MARIA ULUILELATA
RUBY HALE**

JOIN US! 

**WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2025
11AM-12PM VIA TEAMS**

Ngā mihi maioha

Fefine Kakala (MPP's Women's Network)



Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 445 885 941 521 1

Passcode: NY3FE9Tf

Dial in by phone

[+64 4 886 7692,,795921300#](#) New Zealand, Wellington

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 795 921 300#

For organizers: [Meeting options](#) | [Reset dial-in PIN](#)

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WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2025
11:00AM-12:00PM

Event brief for the Secretary for Pacific Peoples

11:00 AM MC TO OPEN FONO (LAUMATA)

11:02 AM OPENING PRAYER (LUSEANE)

11:04 AM MC TO INTRODUCE OPENING REMARKS SEGMENT (LAUMATA)

11:05 AM OPENING REMARKS ON MATARIKI CELEBRATION (GERARDINE)

- Kia ora koutou MPP whānau, Mānawatia a Matariki!
- This week we celebrate Matariki, the start of the Māori New Year which occurs with the rise of the Matariki star cluster.
- As the stars of the Matariki cluster rise in the winter sky, they signal a time of remembrance, reflection, and renewal across Aotearoa.
- Matariki is a special period that connects us to the land, the sky, and each other, through a series of events, traditions, and celebrations that are deeply rooted in Māori culture.
- This Matariki I will be celebrating by (Gerardine to speak to how she will be celebrating Matariki)
- I am excited to hear more from some of our Wāhine Toa on the significance of Matariki as well as reflections on their journey towards finding identity and belonging as women in Aotearoa.

11:15 AM FEFINE KAKALA NETWORK AND LOGO LAUNCH (GERARDINE)

- Fefine Kakala, our Ministry's Women's Network, supports the growth, leadership, and wellbeing of Pacific women across the Ministry.
- Fefine Kakala have worked alongside the talented Wāhine Toa Nuugalo Jacinta Mauga to create a network logo representative of the bold, intelligent and passionate women that serve here at the Ministry.
- Nuugalo will now share more on the inspiration and creation process of this logo with you all now.

11:18 AM NUUGALO TO SHARE ON CREATION OF FEFINE KAKALA LOGO

11:28 AM PASS BACK TO MC

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Itinerary prepared for
Maria Uluilata

MINISTRY FOR PACIFIC PEOPLES

Accommodation booking itinerary for Director



better business, together

Thursday, 19 June 2025



Ohakune Court Motel

101 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune, 4625

Check In: Thursday, 19 June 2025

Check Out: Friday, 20 June 2025

Lead Traveller: Maria Uluilata

Room Type: Run of House

Duration: 1 Night(s)

Conf No: Confirmed

Full chargeback to Orbit Travel Wellington

Booking & Account Information

Departure Date: 19/06/2025

Booking Number: 00L - RBD - H67

Booking type: Offline Land Only

Number of travellers: 1

Booker: Gemma Lowe

Approver: Danilo Coelho De Almeida

Reporting: External Event,FUNLAN - Funding

Coding: CC400,External Event

Booking & Fee Summary

Travel Segments:	Cost (incl GST)
Accommodation:	\$180.00
Total Segments:	\$180
Total Cost:	\$180

*Total costs are based on all travellers

**Total Rental Car cost is estimated based on the Daily Rate provided at time of booking.

Additional travel information



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Maria Uluilelata

From: Matariki <matariki@mch.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 30 May 2025 3:24 pm
To: Michelle Kirkwood; Matariki
Cc: Maria Uluilelata
Subject: RE: Reminder: RSVPs for Matariki mā Puanga National Hautapu close this Friday, 30 May 2025.

Tēnā koe Michelle,

Thanks for letting us know Magle will be attending in Geraldine's stead. Could you please note and respond to the following regarding Magle's attendance:

- We are currently finalising the summarised run sheet for the upcoming National Hautapu Broadcast and will share it in due course.
- Please provide a contact number and email address for Magle. Note that this information will be protected and only used for the purposes of sending emergency correspondence should anything unexpected need to change on the day, given the location and timing of the event.
- Please inform us of any food allergies that need to be catered to.

We appreciate your assistance during this busy time and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Matariki Team

Email matariki@mch.govt.nz

Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture & Heritage

Public Trust Building, 131 Lambton Quay, Wellington

PO Box 5364, Wellington 6140

www.mch.govt.nz | www.matariki.com

**Mānawatia
a Matariki**

20 June 2025 | Matariki.com

From: Michelle Kirkwood <michelle.kirkwood@mpp.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 30 May 2025 9:13 am

To: Matariki <matariki@mch.govt.nz>

Cc: Maria Uluilelata <Maria.Uluilelata@mpp.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Reminder: RSVPs for Matariki mā Puanga National Hautapu close this Friday, 30 May 2025.

Talofa lava

On behalf of the Secretary for Pacific Peoples, thank you for your kind invitation.

Regrettably, due to scheduling conflicts, Gerardine will be unable to attend and extends her sincere apologies.

Magle Maria Uluilalata, Director of Commissioning & Partnerships (Central), will attend on the Secretary's behalf and represent her at both the pōwhiri on Thursday afternoon and the Hautapu ceremony the following morning.

Fa'afetai
Michelle

Michelle Kirkwood (*she/her*)
Executive Manager to Gerardine Clifford-Lidstone | Secretary for Pacific Peoples

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Te Iho, Level 7
1 Bowen Street
PO Box 833, Wellington 6140, New Zealand



From: Matariki <matariki@mch.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 28 May 2025 12:29 pm
To: Matariki <matariki@mch.govt.nz>
Subject: Reminder: RSVPs for Matariki mā Puanga National Hautapu close this Friday, 30 May 2025.
Importance: High

Tēnā koe,

We hope this email finds you well. This is a gentle reminder that you or your office has been sent an invitation to attend the Nationally Broadcast Matariki mā Puanga Hautapu Ceremony (20 June) and the pōwhiri the day before (19 June). This event is hosted by Ngāti Rangī and Hon Minster Paul Goldsmith at Tīrorangī Marae, Tangīwai. Please see the attached invitation for more detail.

RSVPs for this event close this Friday, 30 May 2025 at 5pm and should be sent to this email address (matariki@mch.govt.nz). There is high interest in this event so we would greatly appreciate your response as soon as possible.

If you are intending on attending, please note the following:

- The initial invitation email you received will contain information as to whether you have been allocated a guest or if your invitation is transferable.
- We are currently finalising the summarised run sheet for the upcoming National Hautapu Broadcast and will share it in due course.

- Please provide a contact number and email address if you are attending. Note that this information will be protected and only used for the purposes of sending emergency correspondence should anything unexpected need to change on the day, given the location and timing of the event.
- Please inform us of any food allergies that need to be catered to.
- Please inform us if you can attend both the pōwhiri and the hautapu, or just the hautapu.

We appreciate your assistance during this busy time and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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The Matariki Team

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**Mānawatia
a Matariki**

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