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Ministry for
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Labour Leader's Office
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REF: OIA 2324-1043

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Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *All initiatives, if any, that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024.*
- *All correspondence, if any, with the Minister of Finance's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024.*
- *All correspondence, if any, with your Minister's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024.*
- *All initiatives, if any, that were scaled for Budget 2024, including the initial funding request of the initiative and the final funded level.*
- *All correspondence, if any, with the Minister of Finance's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were scaled for Budget 2024*
- *All correspondence, if any, with your Minister's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were scaled for Budget 2024*

As you may be already aware, initiatives submissions to Budget 2024 were by invite only by the Minister of Finance (MoF). The Ministry was not invited by the MoF to submit any initiatives for Budget 2024 – neither were there any discussions or submissions to the Minister for Ethnic Communities about doing so.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28 of the OIA, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team:
Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



Edward Firth
Director of Ministerial Services

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