

11 November 2024



Our ref: OIA 2425-0421

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 31 October 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- ...I am requesting information regarding spending on lanyards, branded merchandise, and clothing within your agency. Specifically, I would like details on the following:*
- 1. Please provide the total amount spent on each category (lanyards, merchandise, and clothing) over the past financial year.*
 - 2. For each category, could you provide an itemised breakdown, including but not limited to:*
 - Type of item purchased (e.g., branded clothing, lanyards).*
 - Quantity of each item purchased.*
 - Total cost per item type.*
 - 3. A list of suppliers or vendors used for these purchases, with the amounts spent per vendor...*

I can confirm that the Ministry did not purchase any lanyards, branded merchandise, and clothing over the past financial year (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024). 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edward Firth', is written over a faint red watermark that says 'Proactively released by the Ministry for Ethnic Communities'.

Edward Firth
Director of Ministerial Services