

13 March 2025

s9(2)(a)



Our ref: OIA 2425-0794

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### Response to your Official Information Act request

I refer to your email of 19 February 2025 to Minister for Ethnic Communities, Hon Mark Mitchell, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) Budget information for each of his portfolios. On 24 February 2025, the following parts of your request, relevant to the Ethnic Communities portfolio, were transferred to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry):

- 1) *All budgetary accounts of all of your portfolios from November 2023 to 19 February 2025.*
- 2) *Please include all relevant information around paid consultants from November 2023 to 19 February 2025.*
- 3) *Please provide in dollar amounts the budget for your Ethnic communities portfolio, including a breakdown of third party agency funding from November 2023-19 February 2025.*

On 27 February 2025, the Ministry sought clarification of your request. Confirming the information you are seeking is in reference to the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years. In response to your request, please see the information in the below table. Please note that the Consultant budget relates to external resources to provide support to the Security and Resilience programme.

	Financial year 2023/24	Financial year 2024/25
Consultant Budget	\$29,000	\$17,000
Total Budget	\$19,627,000	\$17,896,000

If you require further information, then please feel free to submit another request under the Act.

Under section 28 of the Act, 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](http://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](mailto:Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward Firth".

Edward Firth  
Director of Ministerial Services