

21 November 2024



Ministry for
**Ethnic
Communities**
Te Tari Mātāwaka

Our ref: OIA 2425-0477

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Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 18 November 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1) *The total budgeted for Christmas/new year bonuses to staff this year.*
- 2) *If this will not be the same across each role please break this down by pay grade and the total for each grade.*
- 3) *If you do not reward by pay grade but some other method please specify this and give a breakdown of this.*

The Ministry does not have a budget, nor does it pay Christmas/new year bonuses to employees. Therefore, I am refusing your request under Section 18(e) of the Act as 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.

Edward Firth
Director of Ministerial Services