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Our ref: OIA 2425-1188

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Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 6 June 2025 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“...Question 1

Did the Office of Ethnic Communities (OEC) work with the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to develop the recommended Diversity Strategy following the 2019 report?

Question 2

If the Diversity Strategy was developed in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice please provide a copy of the Diversity Strategy or information on where I can access it.

Question 3

If the Diversity Strategy was not developed in conjunction with MOJ please provide information on the reasons for this.”

As you have noted in the request, ‘Te *Korowai Ture ā-Whānau: The final report of the Independent Panel examining the 2014 family justice reforms 2019*’ (the Report) recommends the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to work with the Office of Ethnic Communities to develop a diversity strategy. In response to your request, the Ministry has not worked with MoJ to develop the Diversity Strategy following the Report. As the information to which this request relates is not held by the Ministry, and as is more closely connected with the functions of MoJ, we recommend you continue to engage with the MoJ for further information.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Firth'.

Edward Firth

Director of Ministerial Services