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Ministry for  
**Ethnic  
Communities**  
Te Tari Mātāwaka

Ref: OIA2425-0015

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 2 July 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The total staff sent to courses run by Unity House Ltd trading as the Pakeha Project in each of the last three years.*
  - *Please break this down by year.*
  - *Please indicate what course/workshop/training each staff member was involved in is called.*
- *The total spent on sending staff to these courses over the last three years.*
  - *Please break this down by year*
- *The value of any other funding provided to Unity House and/or the Pakeha Project, broken down by date, funding purpose and amount.*
- *Please give the reasoning behind staff been sent on these courses and whether it was compulsory or not.*
- *Please provide a copy of all documentation that explains what the Pakeha Project, or any associated courses/training is, whether produced in house or provided to your agency. Including internal messages relating to the programme.*
- *Please provide any measurable outcomes from your agency's*

The Ministry has not sent any of its staff to courses run by Unity House Ltd (trading as the Pakeha Project) in the last three years; nor has it provided any funding to Unity House Ltd. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18 (e) of the Act as 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](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**