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Labour Leader's Office

Our ref: OIA2324-0892

Tēnā koe

Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 24 April 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- Your organisation's total spend on contractors and consultants from 1 January 2004 – present, broken down by month (including April 2024 if possible). Please further break down that spend by business group (or equivalent organisational unit), with all figures provided in a spreadsheet in the following format:*
- I am primarily interested in data from 1 January 2020 onwards. If figures from earlier years are difficult to compile and require more time to do so, please prioritise figures from more recent years. If necessary, I am OK with receiving earlier data in a separate tranche response.*

On 26 April 2024, you refined your request to the following:

- Your organisation's total spend on contractors and consultants from 1 January 2018 – present, broken down by quarter (including Q1 2024). I hope this information will already be compiled due to the Public Service Commission's regular reporting of these figures since 2018, as mentioned [here](#). Please further break down that spend by business group (or equivalent organisational unit), with all figures provided in a spreadsheet in the following format:*

	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3...
Business Group X	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$...
Business Group...	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$...

Please note that the Ministry has interpreted your request to be for the last six financial years, in line with the Ministry's financial reporting, rather than calendar year.

The Ministry was established on 1 July 2021. This means that the information you have requested for the years prior to this date does not exist. Therefore, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

Please refer to the below tables containing information that falls within scope of your request.

2021/22: \$1,583,316.74

Business Group	Q1 2021/22	Q2 2021/22	Q3 2021/22	Q4 2021/22
Chief Executives Office	\$ 32,881.96	\$ 208,173.14	\$ 93,015.58	\$ 51,150.00
Policy and Analytics	\$ 123,325.71	\$ 116,859.82	\$ 7,977.01	\$ 271,960.32
Strategic Engagement and Partnerships	\$ 2,670.89	\$ 57,600.00	-\$ 9,250.00*	\$ 24,372.64
System Capability and Programmes	\$ 29,603.50	\$ 96,055.23	\$ 210,160.44	\$ 266,760.50
	\$ 188,482.06	\$ 478,688.19	\$ 301,903.03	\$ 614,243.46

2022/23: \$752,902.27

Business Group	Q1 2022/23	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23	Q4 2022/23
Chief Executives Office	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Policy and Analytics	\$ 175,410.28	\$ 7,312.70	\$ 1,200.00	-\$ 2,555.40
Strategic Engagement and Partnerships	\$ 84,230.86	\$ 6,370.88	\$ 2,236.34	\$ 70.54
System Capability and Programmes	\$ 98,788.74	\$ 86,174.45	\$ 107,007.60	\$ 161,655.28
	\$ 358,429.88	\$ 99,858.03	\$ 110,443.94	\$ 184,170.42

2023/24 (Up to 31 March 2024): \$131,329.43

Business Group	Q1 2023/24	Q2 2023/24	Q3 2023/24	Q4 2023/24
Chief Executives Office	\$ 10,135.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Policy and Analytics	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Strategic Engagement and Partnerships	\$ 5,993.68	\$ 12,843.60	\$ 6,019.01	\$ -
System Capability and Programmes	\$ 53,172.54	\$ 43,267.35	-\$ 102.38*	\$ -
	\$ 69,301.85	\$ 56,110.95	\$ 5,916.63	\$ -

*Reversal of accrued costs

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



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