

19 April 2024



J. Bythell

fyi-request-26335-4d638214@requests.fyi.org.nz

REF: DOIA-2324-0820

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act 1982 Request

Thank you for your email of 5 April 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1) *Is your department at risk of overspending its financial appropriation this year?*

If it is, please supply

- *all correspondence with and information supplied to Treasury about this*
- *all correspondence with and information supplied to your Minister and your Minister's office about this*
- *all correspondence with and information supplied to the Public Services Commission about this*
- *all correspondence with and information supplied to the Auditor-General or his office about this*
- *all papers to or considered by your leadership team about this*
- *all papers to or considered by your risk and audit committee about this*
- *all papers to or considered by any other of your governance groups about this*

2) *Have you set aside an allowance in this financial year for redundancies or other costs of restructuring?*

- *If so, how much is that allowance?*
- *If not, do you anticipate any costs for these in this financial year?...*

In response to part one of your request, the Ministry is not expecting that it will overspend its financial appropriation.

In response to part two of your request, while the Ministry has forecast some expenditure on redundancies, the Ministry is currently undergoing a change process and considering a change proposal. This proposal is currently under consideration, and no final decisions have been made. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable a public service agency holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).



You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman's office is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone: 0800 802 602.

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



Edward Firth
Director of Ministerial Services