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Tēnā koe Jake Searell

On 22 January 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Documentation that outlines the Ministry's funding to Pacific focused social service organisations including those associated with Pacific churches and Pacific churches themselves for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021*
- *Documentation that outlines any Ministry funding to organisations that respond to family violence and sexual violence for the above time frame.*

On 22 January 2021, the Ministry contacted you to advise that your request was broad in scope and needed to be refined, as it was otherwise likely to be refused under section 18(f) of the Act due to substantial manual collation. The Ministry also requested a contact phone number and second email address to help discuss the refinement. The Ministry has not received a response to date.

The Ministry has interpreted 'documentation' as everything that the Ministry may hold relating to funding to Pacific focused social services organisations or Pacific churches as well as funding to organisations that respond to family violence and sexual violence within the years 2018 to current. As mentioned above, this request is too broad in scope and is refused under section 18(f) of the Act.

In order to provide this information, the Ministry would need to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair the Ministry's ability to continue standard operations and would be an inefficient use of the Ministry's resources. As such, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as it requires substantial manual collation. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

If you wish to discuss this response regarding funding to Pacific focused social service organisations and organisations that respond to family violence and sexual violence with us, please feel free to contact [QIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:QIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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Kate Satterthwaite  
**General Manager**  
**Ministerial and Executive Services**