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Tēnā koe Terry

Thank you for your email of 11 June 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- Please provide all proposals and budgets for 2021 matariki celebrations the ministry is proposing to directly fund, whether the event is confirmed or not. Also the location/s of such event/s and who will be invited (categories rather than individuals).*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

To ensure all Ministry staff are aware of this significant time of year, we are releasing an internal news article on our Ministry intranet that explains Matariki and its importance. This interactive publication will include links to Matariki resources, videos from experts and information on how Ministry staff can celebrate Matariki with their friends and whānau. We will also be reaching out to our people leaders and encouraging them to get their staff involved with this resource.

In addition to this, we will be utilising our in-house design team to promote Matariki in our internal spaces with the use of online images, posters in public spaces and displays on available screens such as the ones welcoming staff and visitors into National Office. These messages and resources are provided by our in-house design team, there are no external costs involved.

After consultation with multiple business units within the Ministry, we were not able to locate any information in scope of your request. This means that the Ministry has not put forward any proposals to allocate funding for 2021 Matariki celebrations and we have no current plans to do so, therefore your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) as the information does not exist.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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