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Terry Thomas  
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Dear Terry Thomas

Thank you for your email of 11 June 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*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).*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) does not currently hold a designated budget or financial information for any Matariki related events or celebrations. The Ministry may be acknowledging Matariki in the normal course of activities (such as staff hui) at this time, which will not incur any additional or directly funded Matariki event costs.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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