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Terry Thomas
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Dear Terry Thomas

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2021, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act (the Act), 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).

The Ministry does not fund Matariki celebrations. Ministry teams celebrate Matariki through internal events they arrange and fund themselves, which are promoted on the Ministry's intranet.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carol Douglass'.

Carol Douglass
Deputy Secretary, Governance, People and Executive Services