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**Ethnic
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Te Tari Mātāwaka

Tēnā koe John

Your Official Information Act request OIA2122-0019

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“...an update on [the Ministerial Ethnic Communities Advisory Group] given the ministry for ethnic communities has been established. Are there any further discussion or timeline been established since my last years request? Also, if there are progress, can you please provide me with timeline on when they going to call for public nominations?”

Although the Office of Ethnic Communities informally sought nominations from relevant government agencies for membership to a Ministerial Ethnic Communities Advisory Group in late 2019, the proposed Group was not formally established. Your request is therefore declined under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28(1)(a) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman. You can do so by contacting the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

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