

12 January 2017

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Dear Mr Gray

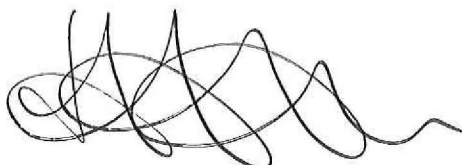
I refer to your request of 17 December 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for the following information:

1. *The criteria used to make payments to Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi?*
2. *Under what criteria do you determine ethnicity of recipients?*
3. *The government posts and names of those individuals who authorized such payments in the last two decades.*

The Ministry is unclear what payments you are referring to and invites you to clarify your request, in line with section 12(2) of the OIA, so that we may be able to provide a response.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely



Kim Rex
Manager, Ministerial Services