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Dear Mr Gray

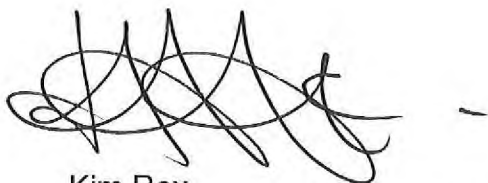
I refer to your request of 17 December 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for information relating to payments under the Treaty of Waitangi, and the Ministry's follow-up email of 12 January 2017 seeking clarification. You requested the following information:

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.*

As the Ministry does not make payments to Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi your request is being refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you have requested does not exist.

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**