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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 22 January 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Was any more money spent during the year in regards to MFE and Iwi leaders?*

This request follows on from your previous official information request received by the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) on 18 January 2018. That request sought information relating to the funding the Iwi Leaders Forum/Chairs organisation received from the Ministry.

As stated in the earlier response the Ministry has provided some funding for the exploration of policy options to address iwi/hapū rights and interests for natural resources within the framework of the Crown's overall approach to engagement with the Iwi Leaders Group (ILG).

As the ILG is not a legal entity in its own right, the Ministry has worked closely with members of the Iwi Advisors Group (IAG) to identify key tasks and work programmes required to provide the Crown with advice on the rights and interests of iwi/hapū. The IAG is a key group of technical advisors to the ILG and carries out the majority of policy work for the ILG.

In our previous response, the Ministry outlined spending to date for the 2017/18 financial year, this figure was \$190,375.60. The Ministry spent a further \$410,230.02 for these contracts. For the 2017/18 financial year, the Ministry spent a total of \$600,605.62<sup>1</sup> to deliver outputs agreed to in relation to the continued work of providing the views and advice of iwi/hapū in relation to environmental issues and ongoing policy work.

One contract relating was continued into the next financial year. To date in the 2018/19 financial year, the Ministry spent \$31,680.00 to deliver outputs agreed to in relation to this contract. You will find a breakdown of contracts, specific amounts paid and the deliverables for those contracts grouped by financial year in the two tables attached to this letter.

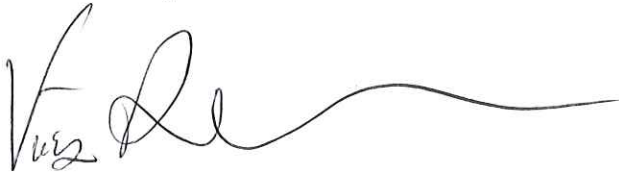
You may be interested to know that each year the Ministry, must submit details of their contracting activities as part of its Annual Review. Annual reviews are part of Parliament's financial cycle, and look

<sup>1</sup> Due to accounting practices, payment for work completed under a 2017/18 contract was made in the 2018/19 financial year.

back at how Government departments, Offices of Parliament, Crown entities, public organisations, and State enterprises have performed over the previous financial year. You can find out more information and browse old records at <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/>.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Laurie Edwards, Manager Communications on 027 447 0255 or [laurie.edwards@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:laurie.edwards@mfe.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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