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Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to Official Development Assistance programme funding received by DPMC

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 4 September 2019. You asked:

"Of the \$2,411,793 that the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet received from the Official Development Assistance programme in 2018, how much has been spent to date, and what specific activities has this been spent on or is planned to be spent on?"

Our records confirm that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) received total funding of \$2,411,793 from the Official Development Assistance programme for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Of this, \$1,211,793 was spent on approved items according to the Partnership Arrangement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) for International Development Cooperation on Disaster Risk Management in the Asia Pacific Region, agreed in September 2014. These items support improved Disaster Risk Management in the Pacific, transferring domestic knowledge, skills and resources to Pacific partners in the areas of risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery. This funding also supported the maintenance of New Zealand's United Nations Disaster Assessment Coordination team capability in support of disaster response in Asia-Pacific. Funding received from MFAT is reimbursement – MFAT is invoiced based on actual spending. Specific activities are set out below.

- **Disaster Risk Management Programme (\$1,183,281.60)**
 - Capacity building activities for Pacific Island partners (\$81,322.06)
 - Assistance provided for Emergency Operations Centre to be fully equipped and operational, including provision for pre-positioned supplies (\$246,662.91)
 - Installation and maintenance of disaster warning systems (\$241,392.35)
 - Review and update of disaster management plans and legislation (\$84,818.92)
 - Community awareness programmes (\$126,599.55)
 - Community Response Plans developed, and communities trained (\$146,208.36)
 - National response SOPs developed / updated (\$31,197.00)
 - National and community drills and exercises (\$38,836.19)

- Support for National Disaster Management Office recruitment and personnel (\$39,893.21)
- Non Output Specific including Project Management and Monitoring Visits to the Pacific (\$146,351.04)
- **Rapid Response Capability** including preparedness training for deployable team, procurement and maintenance of equipment, and ensuring appropriate medical and deployment requirements are met **(\$18,014.79)**
- **United Nations Disaster Assistance Coordination (UNDAC) Capability** including preparedness training for deployable team, procurement and maintenance of equipment, and ensuring appropriate medical and deployment requirements are met **(\$10,496.30)**

In addition to the spending above under the MFAT Partnership Programme, the remaining \$1,200,000 was a contribution towards capital expenditure for a tsunami monitoring and detection network for New Zealand and the Pacific Realm countries. All of the funding received was fully expended in 2018/19.

For completeness, I note that you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my response under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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