



29 July 2021

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Reference: OIA-2020/21-0738

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request relating to the Progressive Procurement Policy

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 3 July 2021. You requested:

- *Copies of any communications you have sent to suppliers or contractors asking whether they meet the definition of a Māori business;*
- *Copies of any communications you have sent to suppliers or contractors advising them of the requirements of the Progressive Procurement Policy;*
- *The number/value of contracts your agency has terminated because a supplier or contractor didn't meet the definition of a Māori business since the Progressive Procurement Policy came into force;*
- *The number/value of contracts your agency has signed with Māori businesses since the Progressive Procurement Policy came into force.*

This response includes information relevant to both the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the National Emergency Management Agency, which is a Departmental Agency hosted by DPMC (collectively referred to as the Department).

Our current internal processes include a requirement within the procurement plan template for the contract manager to consider whether there are any Māori businesses in the market who could provide the services, as referred to in the Government's progressive procurement policy. Our contract approval form templates also include a requirement for the contract manager to identify whether the supplier is a Māori business. Procurement documentation issued on Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS) also contains a section in the response form for suppliers to signal if they identify as a Māori business.

Regarding your first and second questions for communications to suppliers, the Department has not issued any documentation to suppliers with current contracts that were put in place before the December 2020 Progressive Procurement policy implementation requesting information on whether they meet the definition of a Māori business. However, we are working through options to capture this information from suppliers (either directly from the suppliers, or from other channels such as their New Zealand Business Number or listings on All-of-Government panels).

In response to your third question regarding contract termination, the Department has not terminated any contracts on the basis that the supplier/contractor has not met the definition of a Māori business under the policy.

In response to your fourth question regarding new contracts, the Department has signed six contracts, totalling \$752,462 with Māori businesses since the Government's announcement on the Progressive Procurement Policy in December 2020.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision 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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