3 May 2022

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I refer to your email of 11 April in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

> *… please advise the date on which ministry officials first proposed or considered the establishment of the position of Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific)/Tuia Tāngata.*

The specific Tuia Tangata role was created in early March 2022, following discussions with the Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2021 regarding ways to lift Aotearoa New Zealand's engagement on the Sustainable Development Goals and Gender Equality in the context of the Pacific Resilience partnership approach, which Cabinet adopted in November 2021.

Cabinet paper *CAB-21-MIN-0401 New Zealand's Pacific Engagement: From Reset to Resilience* has been proactively released on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (MFAT) website here: [Proactive Release – New Zealand's Pacific Engagement: From Reset to Resilience | New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (mfat.govt.nz)](#).

Also proactively released on MFAT's website are the Ministry's advice to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the appointment of Louisa Wall to the Tuia Tangata position, and the position description for the role. These documents are available here: [Proactive Release: Tuia Tangata, appointment of Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific) | New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (mfat.govt.nz)](#).

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

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Nāku noa, nā

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