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I refer to your email of 9 June 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1) *A copy of the Pacific Reset Advisory group's terms of reference and membership list*
- 2) *For all meetings held by the group, the dates that these meetings were held*
- 3) *If there is an equivalent group for the Pacific Resilience strategy I would like to request a copy of their terms of reference and membership as well, and the dates that all meetings of this group were held*

On Friday 8 July 2022 we advised that we needed to extend the timeframe to respond to your request, by 20 working days.

On Friday 5 August 2022 you were advised we made the decision to release information to you in relation to parts 1 and 2 of your request, and that part 3 of your request for information was refused under Section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist

Please find the below answers to your queries:

- 1) *A copy of the group's terms of reference and membership list*

The Pacific Reset Group was an informal grouping initiated by the group members and co-ordinated by the Council for International Development. This group included the Pasifika community, NGOs and academic representatives. The Terms of Reference has been released to you in full and is attached.

As is stated in the Terms of Reference, "The intention is that the membership of the group remain fluid, to enable it to usefully respond to the Pacific Reset programme". Below is a list of Group Members who attended meeting(s) from 2018 – 2020 with the Minister and/or Parliamentary Undersecretary.

- Josie Pagani
- Penehuro Lefale
- Kiki Maoate
- Josiah Tualamali'i
- Peter Fa'afiu

policy and development actions in the Pacific region undertaken in the Pacific reset programme; and

- (b) Proactive identification of initiatives and representatives (in Pacific and New Zealand-wide communities, business, academic, civil society) that could inform, complement and leverage the New Zealand government Pacific reset programme; and
- (c) Inform, facilitate and support the coordination of Pacific reset programme actions that increase New Zealand's understanding and valuing of the contribution of the Pacific region (countries, people, initiatives) to New Zealand

3 Expectations of PRG members

Members are expected to:

- commit to the intent and values of the Pacific Reset programme
- uphold the integrity of the PRG
- value and respect individual and Ministry opinions
- respect the need for confidentiality
- share ownership of the advice of the PRG
- respond to requests for advice, support and assistance
- declare any conflicts of interest
- acknowledge that the PRG is an advisory group and that advice provided is not binding on the Ministry

4 Expectations of Government

Government, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are expected to:

- commit to the intent and values of the Pacific Reset programme
- value and respect the purpose of the PRG
- provide guidance, strategic advice and information on the Pacific Reset programme that will support and enhance the contribution of the PRG
- follow through and report back on agreed actions

- involve senior decision-making capability in the Pacific Reset Programme and interactions with the PRG

5 Membership of the PRG

The initial membership of the group comprises community and business representatives from the 2018 Prime Minister's Pacific Mission as well as members of the Massey University Centre for Defence and Security Studies led 'Reset Group'. It is an informal self-selecting group of people with a shared vision and a determination to keep the Pacific Reset momentum going.

Members bring a range of skills and experience in matters relevant to the relationship between New Zealand and the Pacific region, including development, foreign policy, security issues, Pacific diaspora, Pacific ethnic-specific community leadership, Maori business and leadership, youth, health.

Members bring their perspectives as informed individuals, and where authorised, as representatives of specified groups, communities or organisations. The intention is that the membership of the group remain fluid, to enable it to usefully respond to the Pacific Reset programme. Depending on the task or workstream, the Group or individual members will bring other experts or representatives to meetings as/if required; and MFAT or the Minister or Under Secretary may request others to attend. Any member of the group might decide that their membership should be transferred to someone else. If this were to occur, consensus of the Group is required and MFAT officials shall be consulted.

Membership of the group is not binding and individual members reserve the right to take a different position from the group on individual matters.

6 Operation of the PRG

The “coordinator” of the Group shall be the Council for International Development (CID).

The Group will meet at least quarterly at an agreed venue, date and time.

Costs for the Group will be borne by the Ministry including:

- Return flights to meetings
- Expenses associated with meetings such as parking, taxis
- A minimal meeting fee (in line with Ministry policy)

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