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Thank you for your email of 24 June 2026, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

regarding a possible New Zealand High Commission Fund / MFAT-supported recycling and composting pilot project in Papua New Guinea.

I am trying to locate records relating to a funding proposal or application that may have been prepared around 2021–2022, possibly involving one or more of the following:

- *New Zealand High Commission in Port Moresby acting as a collection point or pilot site;*
- *recycling, composting, organics collection, or waste diversion in Port Moresby;*
- *future integration with TWM / Total Waste Management's Roku Integrated Waste Management Facility or Resource Recovery Centre;*
- *reference to an ERIAS environmental/social assessment, EIS, or related report for the Roku facility;*
- *Fraser Thomas Ltd;*
- *the New Zealand Papua New Guinea Business Council;*
- *NZ High Commission Fund, MFAT funding, or small-grants funding.*

Could you please search for and provide any records held by MFAT or the New Zealand High Commission in Port Moresby from approximately 2021 to 2022 relating to this matter, including but not limited to:

1. *any funding application, proposal, business case, concept note or project summary;*
2. *assessment notes, approval/decline decision, or funding recommendation;*

On 26 June 2026, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) acknowledged your OIA request and sought evidence of your eligibility to make an OIA request. On 28 June 2026 you supplied evidence of eligibility.

Response to your request

After searching both centralised files and files held in Papua New Guinea, we have established that the Ministry does not hold any information in scope of your request.

Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade