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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0656

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act request for amount of funding for the Disinformation Project**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 9 March 2023.

You have requested:

*"I request under the OIA the amount of funding from DPMC to the Disinformation Project broken down by year"*

I can advise that The Disinformation Project (TDP) received funding from DPMC as a member of the Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Working group in 2020/21 and 2021/22. TDP also received funding in 2022/23 for three reports.

The amount of funding broken down by year, is as follows:

- 2020/21: \$750.00
- 2021/22: \$3,143.00
- 2022/23: \$27,187.50

With regards to the three reports, two of the reports were focused on current and emerging narratives of misinformation in the COVID-19 information landscape, and the last report was a deep dive exploring the experience of Māori during the pandemic and the resulting infodemic. The reports provided insight into the domestic misinformation landscape, and were utilised by the COVID-19 Group's strategic communications. The short duration of the contract reflected the nature of the misinformation landscape pivoting from COVID-19, coinciding with pandemic restrictions being lifted.

You have the right to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the OIA.

This response will be published on the DPMC 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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