Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 9 July 2026. You requested the following:

1. *The total amount of government funding, grants, contracts, subsidies, settlement funding, community funding, security funding, social-cohesion funding, or other public money paid to religious, cultural, ethnic, migrant, or community organisations from 2020 to 2025.*
2. *A breakdown by:*
   - *organisation name;*
   - *legal entity name;*
   - *charity registration number, if applicable;*
   - *religious, cultural, ethnic, migrant, or community purpose stated by the organisation;*
   - *amount received;*
   - *funding agency;*
   - *funding programme;*
   - *purpose of funding;*
   - *year paid.*
3. *The number of registered charities operating as religious organisations, religious trusts, mosques, Islamic centres, churches, temples, cultural trusts, ethnic trusts, or migrant community organisations, broken down by year and entity type.*
4. *Any records showing foreign donations, foreign grants, overseas transfers, overseas sponsors, overseas religious bodies, foreign governments, foreign foundations, or overseas-linked funding received by registered religious, cultural, ethnic, migrant, or community organisations, where held.*
5. *Any records showing whether foreign-funded religious, cultural, ethnic, migrant, or community organisations are subject to AML/CFT, charities, tax, foreign-interference, counter-terrorism financing, or national-security monitoring.*
6. *Any policies, risk assessments, audits, compliance reviews, investigation summaries, or ministerial briefings concerning:*
   - *foreign influence through religious, cultural, ethnic, migrant, or community organisations;*
   - *extremist financing;*
   - *terrorist financing;*
   - *money laundering risks;*
   - *overseas funding of religious institutions;*
   - *use of charities for political, ideological, extremist, or foreign-influence purposes;*
   - *risks to social cohesion or public safety.*

7. *Any records showing whether government has assessed the public cost, public benefit, or public-risk profile of funding religious, cultural, ethnic, migrant, or community organisations.*
8. *Any records showing whether public money has been used for:*
   - *mosque security;*
   - *church security;*
   - *synagogue security;*
   - *temple security;*
   - *religious-school support;*
   - *migrant settlement services;*
   - *ethnic community programmes;*
   - *anti-racism or social-cohesion programmes;*
   - *religious or cultural education programmes.*
9. *Any records showing whether organisations receiving public money are required to disclose:*
   - *overseas donors;*
   - *political or religious affiliations;*
   - *foreign government links;*
   - *ideological affiliations;*
   - *trustees, directors, or controlling persons;*
   - *beneficial owners;*
   - *related-party entities;*
   - *overseas parent bodies.*
10. *Any records showing enforcement action, warnings, deregistration, investigations, referrals, suspicious activity reporting, or compliance concerns involving religious, cultural, ethnic, migrant, or community organisations from 2020 to 2025.*

Inland Revenue does not hold information in scope of your request to items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9.

In my view, it would have been necessary to transfer these points of your request to the other agencies named in your email: DIA Charities Services, MBIE; New Zealand Police Financial Intelligence Unit; Ministry of Social Development under section 14(b) of the OIA, as the requested information is believed to be held by and more closely connected with the functions of those agencies.

However, as this request has been sent directly to these agencies, no transfer is needed.

I am replying to the remaining items requested insofar as they relate to the tax (revenue) ambit.

Items 5, 7 and 10

Inland Revenue administers New Zealand's tax legislation and undertakes compliance activities to ensure taxpayers, including charities and other not-for-profit organisations, meet their tax obligations. Information about Inland Revenue's role in relation to charities and not-for-profit organisations is available on our website under 'Not-for-profits and charities'.

Inland Revenue can identify charities and other not-for-profit organisations within its records. However, Inland Revenue does not classify organisations according to the categories described in your request, namely religious, cultural, ethnic, migrant, or community organisations. Nor does Inland Revenue collect or maintain information that identifies whether an organisation is foreign-funded.

As a result, Inland Revenue is unable to identify records showing whether foreign-funded religious, cultural, ethnic, migrant, or community organisations are subject to AML/CFT, charities, tax, foreign-interference, counter-terrorism financing, or national-security monitoring.

Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Inland Revenue.

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely

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