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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0859

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request relating to funding for The Disinformation Project/Multi-Stakeholder Group to strengthen resilience to disinformation

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 14 May 2024. You requested:

- “1. The amount of funding provided to the organisation The Disinformation Project (TDP) since the National-led government assumed office on the 27th of November 2023.*
- 2. The amount of funding budgeted for The Disinformation Project for the financial year 2023/2024.*
- 3. The amount of funding provided to the Multi-Stakeholder Group to Strengthen Resilience to Disinformation since the National-led government assumed office on the 27th of November 2023.*
- 4. The amount of funding budgeted for the Multi-Stakeholder Group to Strengthen Resilience to Disinformation for the financial year 2023/2024.”*

Response

Question 1

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has no funding arrangement with The Disinformation Project (TDP) therefore has provided no funding to TDP over this period.

Question 2

As above, DPMC has no funding arrangement with TDP. Accordingly, there was zero funding budgeted for financial year 2023/2024.

Question 3

Between 27 November 2023 and 14 May 2024 (the date your request for official information was received), DPMC provided a total \$91,609.91 (excluding GST) to support the work of the Multi-Stakeholder Group. This included payments to members, secretariat support, and related expenses.

Question 4

In the financial year 2023/2024, DPMC budgeted \$334,289.00 (excluding GST) to support the work of the Multi-Stakeholder Group. This included substantial contingency provisions, which were not required. The maximum expenditure budgeted for the Multi-Stakeholder Group through to 30 June 2024, when the work programme concludes, is \$63,269.00 (excluding GST).

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Yours sincerely



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