

16 February 2024		
By email to:		
Dear		

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/06

On Thursday 25 January you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

- Copies of all internal correspondence including but not limited to emails, letters, emails, text
 messages, Whatsapp, Signal, Microsoft Teams sent or received by any Electoral Commission
 staff or representatives regarding a request of savings from the Minister of Finance for the
 2024/25 financial year, since 20 November 2023.
- Copies of all external correspondence including but not limited to emails, letters, emails, text
 messages, Whatsapp, Signal, Microsoft Teams sent or received between Electoral
 Commission staff or representatives and the Minister of Finance or her office requesting
 savings for the 2024/25 financial year, since 20 November 2023.
- Copies of all correspondence including but not limited to emails, letters, emails, text
 messages, Whatsapp, Signal, Microsoft Teams sent or received by any Electoral Commission
 staff or representatives regarding a request of savings from the Minister of Finance for the
 2024/25 financial year, since 20 November 2023.
- Copies of all advice, briefings, memos or any other documents provided by Electoral Commission staff or representatives regarding a request of savings from the Minister of Finance for the 2024/25 financial year, since 20 November 2023.
- Any further reports the Minister or her Office have received from Electoral Commission staff or representatives regarding a request of savings from the Minister of Finance for the 2024/25 financial year, since 20 November 2023.

The information requested relates to advice to Ministers on matters that are still under active consideration with decisions and announcements still pending. I am refusing your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act on the grounds that withholding the information is necessary to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

I am satisfied that there are no other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, for the information withheld to be made available.



In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every three months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted on www.elections.nz.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Electoral Officer

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