

28 February 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/11**

On Friday, 9 February you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

1. *Any correspondence received by you between 1 December 2023 and today from your agency's responsible minister, the Minister of Finance, Treasury, or any other Minister or Agency regarding the fiscal sustainability programme, including any savings required by your agency.*
2. *Any letters of expectation or guidance from Te Kawa Mataaho received by you between 1 December 2023 and today regarding change management or employment relations.*

An answer to your questions is set out below.

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 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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