

29 April 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/26

On Thursday 11 April you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Copies of all proposal documents prepared to give effect to the Government's directive to reduce expenditure in the public service, including but not limited to reduction of staff numbers and resulting redundancies.

If no such specific proposal document exists, please provide copies of all documents concerning the reduction of staff and redundancies from 27 November 2023 to present.

The information requested relates to advice to Ministers on matters that are still under active consideration, with Budget decisions and announcements still pending. I am refusing your request under s.9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA 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.

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



Karl Le Quesne
Chief Electoral Officer