

1 July 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/37

On Thursday 30 May 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.*

I can confirm that no proposal document exists. One document containing some of the information you have requested relates to the consideration of the Government's 2024 budget. This document currently relates to advice being prepared to assess and advise of implementation of policy proposals and the management of current and future delivery considerations. I am therefore refusing your request under s9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA. This is on the grounds that withholding the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

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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