



19 April 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 11 April 2024. You requested the following:

*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.*

Documents prepared to give effect to the Government's directive to reduce the expenditure in the public service are currently going through the Budget 2024 process. More information will be released as part of the Budget process on either Budget Day on 30 May 2024, or as part of the Budget 2024 proactive release which will occur shortly after Budget Day.

There are nine documents in scope of your request. The contents of the nine documents and five of the titles are withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA, to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

The remaining four titles are:

- Inland Revenue's financial position leading into Budget 2024, dated 21/12/2023,
- Budget 2024 and other matters, dated 19/02/2024,
- 2024 March Baseline Update submission for Vote Revenue, dated 22/02/2024, and
- Budget 2024: Bilateral meeting with Minister of Finance, dated 07/03/2024

As required by section 9(1) of the OIA, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding the information requested is outweighed by the public interest. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

### **Right of review**

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: [CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz](mailto:CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz).

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman for a review.

### **Publishing of OIA response**

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website ([www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz)) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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