



Ref: OIA 2024-004

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8 March 2024

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Thank you for your email of 9 February 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- (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.*

The Climate Change Commission is working with our monitoring agency, the Ministry for the Environment, to identify savings options to contribute to the Vote Environment baseline reduction target as part of Budget 2024. Information related to savings is still actively being considered by Ministers and will continue to be throughout the Budget process. No final decisions have been made at this stage.

We have identified four documents to be within the scope of your request. An outline of these documents and our corresponding decisions under the Act are detailed in Appendix 1.

Please note that documents we have identified to be budget sensitive have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. We have been advised that the Treasury will be releasing Budget material as part of its proactive release process following Budget Day, which is consistent with previous years and recognises the strong public interest in Budget decisions.

Some information has also been withheld under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the OIA. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note that the Commission proactively releases its responses to requests made under the OIA. This is to help ensure others can also have access to this information. As such, this letter will shortly be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ANunns', is positioned above the printed name.

Astrid Nunns
General Manager, Strategy, Engagement and Corporate Services

Appendix One – Document Schedule

Doc #	Document date	Description	Decision
Documents relating to part one of your request			
1	22 December 2023	Email from Ministry for the Environment Subject: Fiscal objectives across the term and budget 2024	Information relevant to your request has been released in full. Identifying information pertaining to individuals has been withheld for privacy under section 9(2)(a).
1.1		Attachment to document 1. Letter addressed to Board Chair, Dr Rod Carr. Subject: Fiscal objectives across the term and budget 2024	Released in full.
2	9 January 2024	Email from Ministry for the Environment Subject: Budget 2024 and Initial Baseline Savings Exercise	Information relevant to your request has been released in full. Identifying information pertaining to individuals has been withheld for privacy under section 9(2)(a).
2.1		Attachment to document 2. Budget 2024 Guidance for Agencies	Budget sensitive. Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
2.2		Attachment to document 2. Budget 2024 Initial Baseline Exercise FAQs	Budget sensitive. Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
2.3		Attachment to document 2. Same document as 1.1.	Released in full.
2.4		Attachment to document 2. Annex 1: Budget 2024 Initial Baseline Exercise Summary Template	Budget sensitive. Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
2.5		Attachment to document 2. Annex 2: Budget 2024 Savings Template	Budget sensitive. Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
3	7 February 2024	Email from Ministry for the Environment	Budget sensitive. Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
Documents relating to part two of your request			
4	8 December 2023	Email from PSC Subject: Heads of HR (Wider) - notes from 7 December	Information relevant to your request has been released in full. Identifying information pertaining to individuals has been withheld for privacy under section 9(2)(a).
4.1	7 December 2023	Attachment to document 4. Wider Public Service Heads of HR notes	Information relevant to your request has been released in full.

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