

19 April 2024

9(2)(a)

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of Thursday 11 April 2024, in which you requested:

'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'

At this time, I can't release any documents prepared as Ministers are still making decisions for Budget 2024.

We respect the budget process and confidentiality needed for budget sensitive information. I am therefore refusing your request in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional convention for the time being which protects the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have a right to seek an investigation or review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

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Nāku iti noa, nā



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