

Reference: 20230046



23 February 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 31 January 2023. You requested:

a copy of the following briefings to incoming Ministers (BIMs) given to Prime Minister Chris Hipkins - Treasury Briefing

Information to be withheld

The information covered by your request is withheld in full under the following section of the OIA, as applicable: *advice still under consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.*

The Briefing: 'Overview of Budget 2023 for the Prime Minister' will be released as part of the Budget 2023 proactive release, expected in July 2023.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

Simon Duncan
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