

Reference: 20230547

8 December 2023



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (OIA), received on 5 December 2023. You requested the following (numbered for ease of response):

1. *A copy of the recently leaked advice, which contains the implication of the Coalition Government's plans to repeal Fair Pay Agreements.*
2. *Any correspondence or communications between the Treasury and the Workplace Relations Minister, Brooke van Velden, regarding Fair Pay Agreements.*
3. *Any official information pertaining to consultation with the Council of Trade Unions and Business NZ relating to repealing the agreement.*

Parts 1 and 3

The Treasury does not hold the information requested in parts 1 and 3 of your request. I believe this information is held by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE).

Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act (OIA) to transfer this part of your request to MBIE. The other parts of the request will remain with the Treasury.

MBIE has 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Part 2

The Treasury has not communicated or corresponded with the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, Hon Brooke van Velden, about Fair Pay Agreements. Accordingly, I am refusing your request for this information under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents 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

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