

Reference: 20240040

13 February 2024



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received on 23 January 2024. You requested:

Copies of all advice, briefings, memos or any other documents provided by your agency staff or representatives regarding the roles and responsibilities of ministers, their portfolio, policies, and upcoming work, since 20 November 2023. Copies of all advice, briefings, draft briefings to incoming ministers, memos or any other documents provided by your agency staff or representatives briefing the incoming minister, since 20 November 2023.

On 26 January 2024 the Treasury wrote to you to seeking clarification on your request in regards to the particular documents you require. You responded on 26 January with:

All documents specifically focussed on briefing ministers on their new roles, responsibilities, and portfolios as incoming ministers.

Information publicly available

Since your request was made, the Treasury has published the Briefings here: <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/corporate-documents/briefings-incoming-ministers>

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA: *the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.*

Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the documents.

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

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Manager, Office of the Secretary