

Reference: 20240201

16 April 2024



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 19 March 2024. You requested:

I would like to request under the Official Information Act 1982 the following report referenced on the Treasury website here:

- *19 December 2023: Treasury Report T2023/2029: Pharmac Combined Pharmaceutical Budget Funding*

Information to be withheld

I have decided to withhold the below document in full under the following sections of the Official Information Act, 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.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1.	19 December 2023	Treasury Report T2023/2029: Pharmac Combined Pharmaceutical Budget Funding	Withhold in full 9(2)(f)(iv)

Consistent with past practice and recognising the strong public interest in Budget decisions, the Treasury will be undertaking a Budget proactive release, which is scheduled to be released in the weeks following Budget Day. More information will be available at [Budget information releases | The Treasury New Zealand](#) in due course.

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

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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