

Reference: 20240380

20 June 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 30 May 2024. You requested:

*copies of:*

*All initiatives, if any, that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024.*

*All correspondence, if any, with the Minister of Finance's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024.*

*All correspondence, if any, with your Minister's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024.*

*All initiatives, if any, that were scaled for Budget 2024, including the initial funding request of the initiative and the final funded level.*

*All correspondence, if any, with the Minister of Finance's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were scaled for Budget 2024*

*All correspondence, if any, with your Minister's Office, including but not limited to letters, emails and text messages, regarding initiatives that were scaled for Budget 2024*

*Where you refuse to release a document, I request the name of the document and the reason that it was withheld.*

### **Information to be withheld**

I have decided to withhold all the following documents in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials on the basis that this information could prejudice future Ministerial decisions.

Any initiatives that were scaled or not funded through Budget 2024 were part of the following documents.

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Date</b>                           | <b>Document Description</b>   | <b>Decision</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1.          | 15 December 2023<br>– 24 January 2024 | Correspondence between the Minister of Infrastructure's office and the Treasury regarding Treasury Report T2023/2046: Initial advice on establishing a National Infrastructure Agency | Withhold        |
| 2.          | 5 February 2024                       | Aide Memoire T2024-202 National Infrastructure Agency Budget Bid  | Withhold        |
| 3.          | 12 February 2024                      | Aide Memoire T2023-302 National Infrastructure Agency Budget Bid (revised)  | Withhold        |
| 4.          | 13 February 2024                      | Correspondence between the Minister of Infrastructure's office, the Infrastructure Commission, and the Treasury regarding elements of the National Infrastructure Agency Budget bid   | Withhold        |

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

Glenn McStay  
**Chief Financial Officer**