

27 February 2024

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Official information request for information

I refer to your official information request for information in relation to Ministerial correspondence regarding fiscal sustainability. Your request was received on 9 February 2024.

You requested:

- "Any correspondence received by you between 1 December 2023 and today from your agency's responsible minister, the Minister of Finance, Treasury, or any other Minister or Agency regarding the fiscal sustainability programme, including any savings required by your agency."
- "Any letters of expectation or guidance from Te Kawa Mataaho received by you between 1 December 2023 and today regarding change management or employment relations."

Our response

- "Any correspondence received by you between 1 December 2023 and today from your agency's responsible minister, the Minister of Finance, Treasury, or any other Minister or Agency regarding the fiscal sustainability programme, including any savings required by your agency."

We have provided Attachment A (letter from Manatū Hauora to the Chair of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission) dated 12 January 2024.

Specific advice from the Ministry has been withheld under s9(2)(f)(iv) as the release would undermine the ability of Ministers and/or Cabinet to consider expenditure and revenue options and thereby prejudice the orderly and effective preparation of the budget; and the need to withhold the information is not outweighed by the public interest in release.

- "Any letters of expectation or guidance from Te Kawa Mataaho received by you between 1 December 2023 and today regarding change management or employment relations."

We have provided Attachment B (letter from Te Kawa Mataaho / the Public Service Commission to the Chair and Chief Executive of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission) dated 8 January 2024. Also provided is Attachment C (Draft 2024 Government Workforce Policy Statement).

Specific advice from the Public Service Commission and the contents of Attachment C have been withheld in full under s9(2)(f)(iv) to protect the confidentiality of advice as this is being actively considered by the Minister. We note PSA have received a copy of the same draft Government Workforce Policy Statement.

Personal details of staff have been withheld across Attachment A and B under s9(2)(a) to protect their privacy.

Please note, we publish some OIA responses on our website after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address, or contact details.

I hope you find this information helpful.

This reply addresses the information requested. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this information release, please feel free to contact kiaora@mhwc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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