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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 30 May 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

- 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

As in past years, the Treasury will be proactively releasing key advice and correspondence underpinning Budget 2024 information. Your request for information about the initiatives, and correspondence with the Treasury and Minister of Finance's office is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA.

With respect to correspondence between the New Zealand Defence Force and the Minister of Defence's office concerning Budget 2024 initiatives, these are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs. The public interest concerning the initiatives will be met through the proactive release of key advice and correspondence noted above.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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