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Budget 2024 Information Release

These documents have been proactively released.

- 29 November 2023, Report Operating within fiscal constraints
- 8 December 2023, Report Fiscal Sustainability
- 12 December 2023, Report Discontinuing the wage supplement to replace Minimum Wage Exemption permits
- 15 December 2023, Report Fiscal Sustainability: Tranche Two Information and Policy Choices
- 11 January 2024, Report Budget 2024 Process and Fiscal Sustainability Tranche Three Information
- 11 January 2024, Report Community Connectors and Food Secure Communities early exit and scale back options
- 19 January 2024, Report Budget 2024 and Fiscal Sustainability initial advice
- 9 February 2024, Report Budget 2024 and Fiscal Sustainability savings plan and update
- 14 February 2024, Report Budget 2024 and Fiscal Sustainability Ministerial Submission Letter
- 14 March 2024, Report Including the 'Russian Pension Relief' welfare programme as a Budget 2024 Savings Initiative
- 4 April 2024, Report Fiscal Sustainability Budget 2024 impacts and Ministerial engagement
- 11 April 2024, Report Remaining decisions relating to Budget 2024
- 26 April 2024, Report Vote Social Development Budget 2024 information to support Cabinet discussions

The documents relating to Budget 2024 have been released in response to, and in anticipation of, requests for Budget-related information from the public.

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it. This is the key to the redaction codes used for this release:

- Section 9(2)(ba)(ii) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, and if released, could prejudice the supply of similar information in the future. Greater public interest is in ensuring that such information can continue to be supplied.
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being, which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. Release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions. The greater public interest is in the ability of individuals to express opinions in the course of their duty.
- Section 9(2)(j) to enable the Ministry to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations. The public interest is in ensuring that government agencies can continue to negotiate without prejudice.

Explanatory Notes:

- Note that individual documents are only included once in this proactive release.
 For example, the Minister for Social Development and Employment's Budget 2024 submission letter to the Minister of Finance is not attached to REP/24/1/068 or REP/24/3/256 as it is attached to REP/24/2/123.
- [Appendix Four, REP/23/12/976 and Appendix Three, REP/24/1/068] Note that MSD's forecasted FTE data, presented in the last three columns of the bar graph (from 2024/25 to 2026/27), has changed since these reports were prepared due to decisions that were subsequently taken in Budget 2024.

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