



12 September 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 22 May 2025, requesting all advice provided to Minister's, related to both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 initiatives contained in Budget 2025.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

I have outlined each document in scope of your request in the **Document Table** in the **Appendix** below. This table outlines the applicable withholding ground for each document.

Some information is withheld under the following grounds of the Act:

- 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.
- section 9(2)(g)(i) - to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.
- Section 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal privilege.
- section 9(2)(j) - to enable any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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Appendix: Document Table

	Report Number	Report Title	Status/Withholding Ground
01	REP/25/3/187	Budget 2025 – Draft submission letter for Income Charging Parts One and Two	Released in full
01.1	REP/25/3/187	Appendix 1 – Draft submission letter for Income Charging Parts One and Two	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(j)
02	REP/24/7/655	Opportunity to improve income charging settings	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(h)
02.1	REP/24/7/655	Appendix 1 – Client Journey: Declaring Income	Released in full
03	REP/24/12/1129	Budget 2025 – draft Ministerial submission letter and updated advice	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
03.1	REP/24/12/1129	Appendix 1 – Draft Ministerial submission letter	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i)
03.2	REP/24/12/1129	Appendix 2 – Summary of the Budget 2025 and 2026 invited initiatives	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(j) and 9(2)(g)(i)
03.3	REP/24/12/1129	Appendix 3 – Vote Social Development Multi-year savings strategy	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)

04	-	Submission letter to MOF	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
05	REP/25/1/004	Budget 2025 – Process timeline and update	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
05.1	REP/25/1/004	Appendix 1 – Budget Strategy A3	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i)
05.2	REP/25/1/004	Appendix Two – Budget 2025 Social Development Ministerial Submission Letter	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
06	REP/25/1/016	Advice to support your meeting with Minister Seymour for the Baseline Savings Programme	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
06.1	REP/25/1/016	Appendix 1 – Baseline Savings Programme A3	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
06.2	REP/25/1/016	Appendix 2 – Overview of Vote Social Development	Released in full
06.3	REP/25/1/016	Appendix 3 – Further details of proposed savings options	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
06.4	REP/25/1/016	Appendix 4 – Accommodation Supplement talking points	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
06.5	REP/25/1/016	Appendix 5 – MSD Budget Strategy A3	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i)
06.6	REP/25/1/016	Appendix 6 – Overview of policy changes from 2017-2023	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
07	-	Letter to Hon Minister Seymour	

08		Submission letter to Hon Minister Seymour	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
09	REP/25/2/122	Budget 2025 update – preparing for March bilaterals	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i)
09.1	REP/25/2/122	Annex 1 – Draft aide memoire for Social Development bilateral	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i)
09.2	REP/25/2/122	Annex 2 – Proposed agenda for discussion at pre-meet	Released in full
09.3	REP/25/2/122	Annex 3 – Proposed sequencing and phasing of initiatives	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
10	REP/25/2/105	Budget 2025 – Social Development and Employment bilateral (Including Appendices One, Two and Three)	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(j)
10.1	REP/25/2/105	Appendix 4 – Back pocket optimal savings package	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
11	-	DRAFT – Letter to Hon Minister Seymour – 13 March	Released in part with some information out of scope
12	Final Budget 2025 on a page	Final Budget 2025 on a page	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(j)