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Dear ██████████,

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 29 January 2024 for:

- all internal communication in the Ministry from August 2023 to now, regarding job cuts and savings targets,
- the amount of FTEs and the proposed ideal amount of FTEs under the new Government's cost saving model in the public service, and
- a copy of communication between the Ministry and the Minister, on the topic of cost savings, job cuts, and potential restructuring.

Please find enclosed the following documents in scope of your request:

- 10 October 2023: "Preparing for a new government – briefings and cost savings" article published on Whatukura, the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) intranet page
- 16 October 2023: Excerpts from Kōrerorero agendas, verbal updates given to staff by LINZ senior leaders. These are a draft and may not reflect the final message given to staff
- 31 October 2023: Excerpts from Kōrerorero Rautaki, an update to staff from our Chief Executive published on Whatukura, the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) intranet page
- 13 November 2023: "Incoming government - we remain in the caretaker period" article published on Whatukura, the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) intranet page, the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) intranet page
- 14 November 2023: Excerpts from Kōrerorero agendas, verbal updates given to staff by LINZ senior leaders. These are a draft and may not reflect the final message given to staff

- 23 January 2024: email "RE: Budget update – reducing our spending" email from the Chief Executive to all LINZ staff
- 25 January 2024 – "Budget update – reducing our spending" article published on Whatukura, the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) intranet page

One briefing in scope, BRF 24-259 – Briefing to the Minister for Land Information on the Savings Response to the Minister of Finance dated 23 January 2024, has been withheld under sections:

- 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 9(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

We are of the view the withholding of the information is not outweighed by the public interest to make that information available.

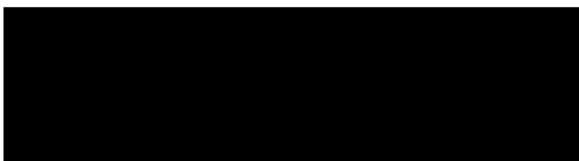
Your request for "the amount of FTEs and the proposed ideal amount of FTEs under the new Government's cost saving model in the public service," is declined as no such numbers have been discussed. This part of the request is being refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz

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.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. This is likely to be published by 30 April 2024

Nāku noa, nā



Richard Hawke
Acting Chief Executive