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Thank you for your email of 30 May 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *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.*

Failed and scaled Budget bids will be subject to consideration by the Government in future Budgets. All information relating to these is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Nāku noa, nā

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