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Dear Adrian

I refer to your email of 31 January 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) the following:

*It is my understanding that NZDF, alongside many other parts of our public service, are currently tasked with finding operational savings, reducing staffing levels, making budget cuts or otherwise reducing spending. Please provide details of any requests of this nature, and any planning or preparation undertaken by the NZDF relating to this.*

The information you have requested is connected to considerations of the Government's Budget 2024. No final decisions have been made on Budget 2024; therefore, advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials is withheld in full in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.

The Treasury proactively releases Budget related information on its website following the Budget announcement.

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](http://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.

Yours sincerely

**AJ WOODS**

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