

1 July 2024

File Ref: OIA 48899



Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 30 May 2024. You asked for the following information:

“Under the Official Information Act 1982 I request copies of:

- *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*

Where you refuse to release a document, I request the name of the document and the reason that it was withheld.”

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As a result of Budget 2024, Te Puni Kōkiri had four initiatives which were submitted but were not funded. No initiatives supported in Budget 2024 were scaled.

Two documents have been identified as in scope of your request. We note that some of the information contained in these two documents is out of scope as it does not relate to your request. In regards to the remainder of the information in scope which relate to initiatives not funded through Budget 24, releasing this information and correspondence

as requested could prejudice future Ministerial decisions. Accordingly, your request is refused in full 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. The documents and our decisions with regard to the release of the information are set out in the table attached as Appendix A.

In making the decision to withhold information, we have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oja@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terina Cowan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terina Cowan
Hautū, Te Puni Whakahaere Tikanga | Deputy Secretary, Strategy, Finance & Performance

Appendix A – documents OIA request from [REDACTED] dated 30 May 2024

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1.	15 February 2024	Revised Budget 2024 Submission – Vote Māori Development	Certain information is out of scope, the remainder is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
2.	16 February 2024	Letter from the Minister for Māori Development to Minister of Finance	Certain information is out of scope, the remainder is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)