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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 28 February 2024. You requested:

Recently Radio NZ and others reported that you described our economy as being like a household economy.

Please provide all economic advice and reports that you have received that supports this opinion of yours that our economy is like a household economy.

At the Finance and Expenditure Committee on 21 February 2024 I used an analogy comparing household and government budgeting to explain and clarify my views on government debt. As I have not received advice or reports on that analogy, your request for the above information is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act – *the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.*

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Willis'.

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance