

Reference: 20240141

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Dear Sarah

Thank you for your Official Information Act request (OIA), received on 3 March 2024.
You requested:

1. *all correspondence (including but not limited to emails, briefing notes, data, reports, notes of phone calls, Teams messages etc) between Treasury and Sir Bill English (and/or any other personnel associated with the independent review of Kāinga Ora) relating to the Independent review of Kāinga Ora.*
2. *all documents prepared by Treasury (including but not limited to emails, briefing notes, data, reports, notes of phone calls, Teams messages etc) relating to the independent review of Kāinga Ora.*

Part 1

An initial search of relevant correspondence using key words from part one of your request returned a substantial number of results. Due to the number of documents that would need to be reviewed, I have decided to refuse part one of your request under section 18(f) of the OIA - *the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research*. Pursuant to our duty under s18B of the OIA, we did consider asking you to further refine your request. However, the majority of the relevant information is under active consideration, and it would likely be refused under s9(2)(f)(iv).

Part 2

I have decided to withhold in full the documents within scope of part 2 your request, under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA – *to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials*.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

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

Yours sincerely

Glen Thomson
Acting Manager, Housing and Urban Growth