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Dear P.J. Golden

Thank you for your further email of 4 April 2023 relating to the digital wallet project. As with your other requests, this request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

My response sent to you on 22 February 2023 outlined the evaluation process for the projects funded through the Integrated Farm Planning (IFP) Accelerator Fund. It also advised you that we withheld copies of the evaluations and assessments pursuant to sections 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.

I have considered whether the passage of time would enable us to make a different decision on the release of that information. However, I believe the withholding grounds are still required.

My response sent to you on 4 April 2023 provided answers to the questions you had regarding TANZ's previous associate TrackBack, the evaluation process, and our decision to fund TANZ to deliver the digital wallet project.

You have now raised a question whether TANZ has the technical knowledge to deliver a digital wallet project without TrackBack. MPI remains satisfied that TANZ has the technical ability and knowledge to deliver on its project.

MPI holds no additional relevant information about the evaluation process or TANZ, I now consider this matter closed.

As with all requests for information, you have the right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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