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Dear JB

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), transferred to me from Inland Revenue on 24 March 2023. You requested the following:

All briefings and correspondence [in relation to recommendations provided to the Minister] in the past two years regarding the following:

1. *Adding a new tax bracket above the current 39% top tax bracket*
2. *Adjusting tax brackets with inflation*

I have not received any briefings or correspondence in relation to question one of your request. Question one is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

One document in scope of your request for briefings and correspondence in relation to question two of your request and is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA, to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

No public interest in releasing the withheld information has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding.

If you disagree with my decisions, you have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decisions. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker
Minister of Revenue