

21 December 2023

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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0371

Dear J Bruning

Official Information Act request relating to advice and communications between the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance discussing Central Bank Digital Currencies

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 16 December 2023. You requested:

"All advice/memos/reports/communications between Prime Minister and/or Cabinet and the Minister of Finance (or acting Minister of Finance) which refer to or discuss central bank digital currencies (CBDCs). From March 2022 – December 16 2023."

I believe the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Amy Teague

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