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Tēnā koe Charles Finley

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (the Ministry), requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please can you provide any briefings, interactions, meeting notes held between MBIE and your Minister or the Minister of Finance on this subject - specifically relating to how this piece of work might help the government achieve its savings targets, or for that matter - any other correspondence of a similar savings nature with Ministers (If easier - happy for this question to be handled as a new OIA.)

For clarity, we have interpreted 'any other correspondence of a similar savings nature' to capture any communications between the Ministry and the Minister of Economic Development and the Minister of Finance regarding how government procurement policy can help the Government achieve its fiscal targets.

The Ministry has identified three documents in scope of your request, as detailed in the attached Document Schedule. I have decided to release these three documents to you, with some of the information contained within these documents withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and Officials, and;
- 9(2)(j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Lee', written in a cursive style.

Richard Lee
Head of Strategy, Policy and Governance
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Document schedule

#	Date	Description	Grounds under which information has been withheld
1	1 December 2023	Briefing – Discussion on government procurement	9(2)(a)
2	21 December 2023	Briefing – New Zealand Government Procurement – supporting your priorities	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)
3	2 February 2024	Briefing – New Zealand Government Procurement – All-of-Government contract update	9(2)(a) 9(2)(j)