



OIA24-0227

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Dear J. Bythell

Thank you for your email of 6 April 2024 requesting information relating to the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) Financial Spending. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

Is your department at risk of overspending its financial appropriation this year?

If it is, please supply

- *all correspondence with and information supplied to Treasury about this*
- *all correspondence with and information supplied to your Minister and your Minister's office about this*
- *all correspondence with and information supplied to the Public Services Commission about this*
- *all correspondence with and information supplied to the Auditor-General or his office about this*
- *all papers to or considered by your leadership team about this*
- *all papers to or considered by your risk and audit committee about this*
- *all papers to or considered by any other of your governance groups about this*

MPI is currently forecasting to operate within its overall financial appropriation for the 2023/24 financial year. This is the expectation for every financial year.

Have you set aside an allowance in this financial year for redundancies or other costs of restructuring?

If so, how much is that allowance?

If not, do you anticipate any costs for these in this financial year?

As part of the Budget 2024/25 programme, MPI was asked by the Government to find savings of 7.5 percent for the financial year starting 1 July 2024. MPI's cost savings work will include a mix of programme reductions and the staffing change proposals. MPI is not proposing any reductions to frontline services and statutory roles, such as veterinarians, animal welfare, fishery and food compliance officers, or biosecurity teams at the border. MPI is currently considering feedback and no final decisions have been made.

Any costs associated with proposed changes once finalised, including proposed redundancies, are expected to be managed within the financial appropriations for the 2023/24 financial year.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BH' with a large loop at the bottom left.

Brent Healy
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