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Dear Brendon

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, transferred to the Treasury on 10 September 2024. You requested the following:

*Can you please advise why is the average New Zealander paying the most highest Tax In the world it may be an idea just to add breathing Tax to the list of everything else that is taxed.*

*My OIA request is not for the above its just a kick in The guts statement, my request is for everything that Has been taxed where has this money been spent and the reason why, i feel New Zealanders have a right to know where has this accumulated money has been spent into as i see more and more MPs are getting a higher pay in boost and public funding to fund their own wealth schemes.*

#### **Information publicly available**

The information you have requested is publicly available on the Treasury website.

The Financial Statements of the Government gives a high-level breakdown of the Government's revenue and expenditure:

<https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/financial-statements-government>

The Estimates of Appropriations provides more information on where the money is spent:

<https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/budgets/estimates-appropriations-government-new-zealand-year-ending-30-june-2024>

The Budget Economic and Fiscal Update (BEFU) provides information on forecast revenue and expenditure:

<https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/efu/budget-economic-and-fiscal-update-2024>

As the information you have requested is publicly available, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act: the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

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Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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**Manager, Tax Strategy**