

Reference: 20260321

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Dear Spencer

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act, received on 6 May 2026. You requested:

1. *The additional document referred to in your response as being withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv), once that advice is no longer under active consideration.*
2. *Any subsequent Treasury briefings, aide-memoires, emails, or advice prepared after 15 November 2024 relating to:*
 - *the projected increase in the Veterans' Support Entitlement Liability;*
 - *fiscal forecast treatment;*
 - *appropriations or Imprest Supply implications;*
 - *unappropriated expenditure risk;*
 - *OBEGAL impacts;*
 - *net worth impacts;*
 - *net core Crown debt implications.*
3. *Any Treasury analysis or advice discussing:*
 - *legislative amendment options relating to the Veterans' Support Act 2014;*
 - *narrowing, clarifying, or redefining veteran eligibility;*
 - *appeal options arising from the court ruling referenced in the released material.*
4. *Any communications between Treasury and:*
 - *NZDF;*
 - *Veterans' Affairs;*
 - *Ministers;*
 - *or Crown Law**relating to the fiscal implications of the court ruling referenced in the released material.*
5. *Any documents prepared for inclusion in:*
 - *the 2024 Half-Year Economic and Fiscal Update (HYEFU);*
 - *Budget Economic and Fiscal Updates;*
 - *fiscal risk statements;*
 - *or Crown balance sheet reporting*

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that discuss the Veterans' Support Entitlement Liability.

I have decided under section 15A of the Official Information Act to extend the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days. The new due date for responding to your request is 2 July 2026.

The extension is required because of the consultation needed to make a decision on your request.

This extension will also apply to the time limit for transferring your request, should this become relevant.

Notwithstanding this extension, I undertake to decide on your request as soon as reasonably practicable.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision.

Yours sincerely

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