

Reference: 20260276

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Dear Gus

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received on 8 April 2026. You requested the following:

*For Budgets 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, please provide the following:*

- The amount of debt New Zealand had at the time.*
- The amount of debt New Zealand had acquired by interest over the previous financial year.*
- The amount of money being borrowed for that Budget.*

*If and where relevant, please also provide the amount of money borrowed between Budgets that were not included in the Budgets on either side (for example, if money was borrowed in December 2022, but was not reflected in money borrowed for Budgets 2022 or 2023.)*

### **Information publicly available**

Information on the level of debt held by New Zealand is publicly available in the *Year end Financial Statements of the Government of New Zealand*, which are published on the Treasury website: [Year end financial statements | The Treasury New Zealand](#).

In addition, monthly Financial Statements of the Government are available here: [Month end financial statements | The Treasury New Zealand](#).

Information on the Government's borrowing intentions is published as part of the Budget documentation, including the *Budget Economic and Fiscal Updates* which are also available on the Treasury website: [Current and past Budgets | The Treasury New Zealand](#).

Accordingly, I have refused your request for this information under section 18(d) of the OIA:

- the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

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

This reply addresses the information you requested. Under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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