

## Office of the Prime Minister

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Dr Robert Shaw

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Dear Dr Shaw

I refer to your email of 13 May 2016 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) relating to the Budget 2016 announcement to provide additional funding to further support tourism across New Zealand.

You have requested information relating to expenditure proposed for Taranaki from the Regional Mid-sized Tourism Facilities Fund. The funding will help communities with small infrastructure projects that enhance visitor experiences and help them cope with growing numbers of tourists and independent travellers such as freedom campers.

Councils will be able to apply to the fund within the next few months once parameters have been developed. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will be communicating eligibility criteria and the application process of the fund publicly within the next few weeks.

As no funding has been allocated from the fund, we do not hold any information that is relevant to your request.

Please note that if you are unhappy with the management of your request you have the right to complain under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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CHIEF OF STAFF

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