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Dear Rochelle Stewart-Allen

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 16 February 2018.  
You requested the following:

*"Please provide me with the background papers that support the establishment of the \$7.2m funding provided for open data as detailed in Minister Simpson's press release on 19 June 2017  
(<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government%E2%80%99s-open-data-gets-72-million-boost>).*

*Please include the breakdown of the spend and projected outputs approved as part of the Data Contingency Fund, as well as any progress reports on how that money has been spent to-date."*

On 27 February 2018, part of your request was transferred to Statistics New Zealand.

### Information to be Released

The following information is covered by the request and proposed to be released.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	6 December 2016	Treasury Report: Investment Ministers Meeting, 8 December: Data and Analytics Contingency	Release in part

We propose to release the relevant parts only of the documents listed in the above table, subject to information being withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- staff direct telephone numbers, under section 9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure of official information for improper gain or improper advantage

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Some information within the released document has been deleted as it does not fall within the scope of your request.

### Information Available Publicly

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1.	14 July 2017	Cabinet Minute CAB-17-MIN-0150.16: 2017 Budget Package: Vote Lands (Technical Initiatives)  Cabinet Minute: 2017 Budget Package: Vote Statistics (Technical Initiatives)	<a href="http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/budget/2017/key">http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/budget/2017/key</a>

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

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

Yours sincerely



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