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Reference: 20180201

14 June 2018

Jem Traylen  
Rainbow Wellington  
fyi-request-7846-ac513bc9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Jem Traylen

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

“I have serious concerns regarding the handling of my recent request for official information regarding Vote Health.

Please provide a copy of ALL KEY DOCUMENTS relating to the handling of this request.”

### Information Being Released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	15 February 2018	Email: Official Information request - List of all briefings provided to your ministers	Release in Part
2.	1 March 2018	Email: OIA Acknowledgement	Release in Full
3.	1 March 2018	OIA Acknowledgement	Release in Part
4.	13 March 2018	Email: Official Information Act Extension - Jem Traylen (20180088)	Release in Part
5.	5 March 2018	OIA Extension	Release in Full
6.	29 March 2018	OIA Inform Report - Briefings to Ministers	Release in Part
7.	9 April 2018	OIA Reply	Release in Full
8.	10 April 2018	Email - Official Information Act request - 20180088	Release in Part

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9.	16 April 2018	Email - Official Information request - Vote Health - recent briefings	Release in Part
10.	20 April 2018	OIA Acknowledgement	Release in Full
11.	27 April 2018	OIA Inform Report - Vote Health Briefings	Release in Part
12.	7 May 2018	OIA Reply	Release in Full
13.	8 May 2018	Email –Official Information Act request 20180149	Release in Part

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons,
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions,
- section 9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure of information for improper gain or improper advantage.

Direct dial phone numbers of officials have been redacted in order to reduce the possibility of staff being exposed to phishing and other scams. This is because information released under the OIA may end up in the public domain, for example, on websites including Treasury's website.

In addition, I am happy to meet with you to discuss the work of the Treasury Health and ACC team. If this would be useful to you please contact me through my email [Carolyn.Palmer@treasury.govt.nz](mailto:Carolyn.Palmer@treasury.govt.nz).

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

  
Carolyn Palmer  
**Manager, Health**

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**From:** Cheryl Robb [TSY] on behalf of Ministerial Services Inbox [TSY]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 May 2018 2:25 PM  
**To:** 'fyi-request-7611-9554a5bd@requests.fyi.org.nz'  
**Subject:** Official Information Act request  
**Attachments:** Official Information Act request 20180149.pdf

Dear Mr Traylen

Please find attached a response from the Treasury regarding your Official Information Act request.

Kind regards

**Cheryl Robb** | MAS Team Assistant | **The Treasury**  
s9(2)(k) [Ministerial.Services@treasury.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@treasury.govt.nz)

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**From:** Deleted - Not Relevant to Request If of InfoHelp [CASS]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 February 2018 7:21 AM  
**To:** Ministerial Services Inbox [TSY]  
**Subject:** FW: Official Information request - List of all briefings provided to your ministers  
  
**Categories:** OIA

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Good morning  
This one is for you  
Regards

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InfoHelp

-----Original Message-----

From: Jem Traylen [mailto:fyi-request-7276-23e97d24@requests.fyi.org.nz]  
Sent: Thursday, 15 February 2018 4:13 a.m.  
To: InfoHelp [CASS] <infohelp@cass.govt.nz>  
Subject: Official Information request - List of all briefings provided to your ministers

Tena koe e te Rangatira

Dear Secretary,

Please provide a complete list of the briefings that you have provided to your current ministers through to 10 December 2017.

Nga mihi

Jem Traylen  
PolicyWorks NZ

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1 March 2018

Jem Traylen  
PolicyWorks NZ

Dear Jem Traylen

On behalf of Gabriel Makhoulf, Secretary to the Treasury, I acknowledge receipt of your email requesting:

*"Please provide a complete list of the briefings that you have provided to your current ministers through to 10 December 2017."*

Your request was received by the Treasury on 15 February 2018 and will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act.

The Treasury will not publish your personal contact details or use the information for any reason other than processing your request. The personal information you provide will be subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act 1993 and the Official Information Act 1982.

Yours sincerely

Liam McCabe  
Ministerial Advisor



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**From:** Liam McCabe [TSY]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 March 2018 10:11 AM  
**To:** 'fyi-request-7276-23e97d24@requests.fyi.org.nz'  
**Subject:** OIA Acknowledgement (20180088) Traylen J  
**Attachments:** OIA Acknowledgement (20180088) Traylen J.pdf

Dear Jem

Please find attached a reply relating to your Official Information Act request.

Regards

Liam

**Liam McCabe** | Ministerial Advisor | **The Treasury**

[Liam.McCabe@treasury.govt.nz](mailto:Liam.McCabe@treasury.govt.nz)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 March 2018 4:54 PM  
**To:** Liam McCabe [TSY]  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information Act Extension - Jem Traylen (20180088)

Tena koe Liam McCabe [TSY],

Frankly, I am thoroughly disappointed by the approach you have taken. I do not believe that you are complying with the requirements of the OIA and the standard of conduct required by the official State Sector Code of Conduct and will be pursuing the matter with the appropriate authorities.

I hereby refine the scope of my request to matters directly pertaining to Vote:Health and if it saves significant time I am prepared to also limit the time period as well.

Yours faithfully,

Jem Traylen

-----Original Message-----

Hi Jem

Thank you for your email.

Thank you also for clarifying that your request will focus on briefings sent by Treasury to the Minister of Finance. As I mentioned in my earlier email this request will still result in substantial consultation. We will attempt to compile a response as soon as practicable within the new deadline.

Regards

Liam

Liam McCabe | Ministerial Advisor | The Treasury [email address] [IN-CONFIDENCE]

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Reference: 20180088

5 March 2018

Jem Traylen  
PolicyWorks NZ  
[fyi-request-7276-23e97d24@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-7276-23e97d24@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Jem Traylen

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act, received on 15 February 2018. You requested:

*"Please provide a complete list of the briefings that you have provided to your current ministers through to 10 December 2017."*

I have decided under section 15A of the Official Information Act to extend the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 30 working days. The new due date for responding to your request is 30 April 2018.

The extension is required because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, and consultations are needed before a decision can be made 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 make a decision on your request as soon as reasonably practicable.

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

Yours sincerely

Vicki Plater  
Chief of Staff

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 Hon Grant Robertson  
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**Treasury Report:** TOIA Inform (20180088): Briefings to Ministers (Jem Traylen, PolicyWorks NZ): Vote Health

<b>Date:</b>	29 March 2018	<b>Report No:</b>	T2018/814
		<b>File Number:</b>	MS-4-1-0

**Action Sought**

	Action Sought	Deadline
Minister of Finance Hon Grant Robertson	Note the proposed Treasury response to the OIA request for information regarding Vote Health.	6 April 2018

**Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)**

Name	Position	Telephone	1st Contact
s9(2)(g)(i)		s9(2)(k)	N/A (mob) ✓
Carolyn Palmer	Manager, Health		s9(2)(a)
s9(2)(g)(i)			N/A (mob)

**Actions for the Minister's Office Staff (if required)**

Return the signed report to Treasury.

Note any feedback on the quality of the report

**Enclosure:** Yes (attached)

9 APR 2018

**IN-CONFIDENCE****Treasury Report: TOIA Inform (20180088): Briefings to Ministers  
(Jem Traylen, PolicyWorks NZ): Vote Health**

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On 15 February 2018, the Treasury received an Official Information Act (OIA) request from Jem Traylen of PolicyWorks NZ. The request was to:

*"Please provide a complete list of the briefings that you have provided to your current ministers through to 10 December 2017."*

The Treasury contacted Jem Traylen on 5 March 2018 to notify her that an extension would be required due to the volume of documents contained within the scope of her request and the subsequent consultation that would be required. On 13 March 2018, Jem Traylen refined the scope of her request to include only documents directly pertaining to Vote:Health and to exclude Aide Memoires.

The response to the request will be sent by 6 April 2018.

The proposed letter of reply is attached for your information. Please note this is a request for a list of titles, not the documents themselves. The documents relate to high profile and budget or commercially sensitive issues, and therefore if requested would be withheld as budget sensitive. The Treasury does not consider that the titles meet the criteria for withholding under the Official Information Act.

**Document Titles to be Released**

The following list of document titles is covered by the request.

Item	Date	Document Description
1.	3 November 2017	Treasury Report: Update on NZNO Nurse & Midwifery MECA Bargaining
2.	8 November 2017	Treasury Report: Vote Health Fiscal Position
3.	13 November 2017	Treasury Report: Primary Care Advice
4.	5 December 2017	Joint Report: DHB Funding Signal for 2017/18

**Response to be Published Online**

The Treasury intends to publish its response to this OIA request on our website, usually in the week following the response being sent. Consistent with the Official Information Act, publishing our OIA responses increases the availability of information to the public and helps promote balanced public debate.

**IN-CONFIDENCE****Recommended Action**

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We recommend that you:

- a. **note** that the Treasury will send the response to the requestor by 6 April 2018
- b. **refer** a copy of this report and attached material to Hon David Clark, Associate Minister of Finance, and
- c. **note** that the Treasury intends to publish this response to the requestor on the Treasury website. Please contact us should you wish to raise any issues.



Carolyn Palmer  
**Manager, Health**



Hon Grant Robertson  
**Minister of Finance**

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PolicyWorks NZ  
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Dear Jem Traylen

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You requested the following:

*"Please provide a complete list of the briefings that you have provided to your current ministers through to 10 December 2017."*

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**Information Covered by Your Request**

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

Yours sincerely

Carolyn Palmer  
Manager, Health

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Reference: 20180088

9 April 2018

Jem Traylen  
PolicyWorks NZ  
fyi-request-7276-23e97d24@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Jem Traylen

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You requested the following:

*"Please provide a complete list of the briefings that you have provided to your current ministers through to 10 December 2017."*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 April 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** 'fyi-request-7276-23e97d24@requests.fyi.org.nz'  
**Subject:** Official Information Act request - 20180088  
**Attachments:** robbc-9-23-41\_1.pdf

Dear Jem

Please find attached the response to your Official Information Act request.

Kind regards

**Cheryl Robb | MAS Team Assistant | The Treasury**

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**Sent:** Monday, 16 April 2018 7:23 AM  
**To:** Ministerial Services Inbox [TSY]  
**Subject:** FW: Official Information request - Vote Health - recent briefings

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Hello  
 One for you from InfoHelp  
 Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jem Traylen [mailto:fyi-request-7611-9554a5bd@requests.fyi.org.nz]  
 Sent: Sunday, 15 April 2018 5:44 AM  
 To: InfoHelp [CASS] <infohelp@cass.govt.nz>  
 Subject: Official Information request - Vote Health - recent briefings

Dear Treasury,

Thank you for your response to my February 15 request ('List of all briefings etc')

We are requesting a copy of the reports listed as items 2,3 and 4 listed in that response.

This is an urgent request (in terms of the Act) as we wish to make submissions on the Budget. Given the delays that we have experienced in getting access to official information, this is now a very urgent request.

We also observe the very high level of interest in Vote Health 2018/19 given recent statements by the Prime Minister and public reaction.

We ask that you take this into consideration in making your response and consult me should your response time likely to take more than a few working days.

If it would significantly speed up your response our priority is item 2 followed by 4, then 3.

Nga mihi/kind regards

Mx Jem Traylen  
 Rainbow Wellington

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20 April 2018

Jem Traylen  
Rainbow Wellington  
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Dear Jem Traylen

On behalf of Gabriel Makhlouf, Secretary to the Treasury, I acknowledge receipt of your email, details included below:

"We are requesting a copy of the reports listed as items 2, 3 and 4 listed in that response."

I note that this request follows on from an earlier Official Information Act request you made to the Treasury for a list of documents concerning Vote:Health. This request for specific documents was received by the Treasury on 16 April 2018 and will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act.

The Treasury will not publish your personal contact details or use the information for any reason other than processing your request. The personal information you provide will be subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act 1993 and the Official Information Act 1982.

Yours sincerely

Jean McDowall  
Ministerial Advisor



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**Treasury Report:** TOIA Inform (20180149): Vote Health Briefings (Jem Traylen, Rainbow Wellington)

<b>Date:</b>	27 April 2018	<b>Report No:</b>	T2018/1082
		<b>File Number:</b>	MS-4-1-0

**Action Sought**

	<b>Action Sought</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Minister of Finance Hon Grant Robertson	<b>Note</b> the proposed response of the Treasury to the OIA request made by Jem Traylen of Rainbow Wellington for information regarding Vote Health Briefings.	7 May 2018

**Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>1st Contact</b>
s9(2)(g)(i)		s9(2)(a)	N/A (mob) ✓
Carolyn Palmer	Manager, Health		s9(2)(k)
s9(2)(g)(i)			N/A (mob)

**Actions for the Minister's Office Staff (if required)**

Return the signed report to Treasury.

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**Enclosure:** Yes (attached)

**IN-CONFIDENCE****Treasury Report: TOIA Inform (20180149): Vote Health Briefings  
(Jem Traylen, Rainbow Wellington)**

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**Summary**

On 16 April 2018, the Treasury received an Official Information Act request from Jem Traylen. This follows an earlier request by Jem Traylen for a list of reports produced by Treasury concerning Vote:Health (T2018/814 refers).

We propose to withhold all of the requested documents. These documents will be included in Treasury's proactive release in July.

A response to the request is due by 15 May 2018.

**Documents requested**

The details of the most recent request are included below:

"We are requesting a copy of the reports listed as items 2,3 and 4 listed in that response."

For your reference, the items that this request refers to are listed below.

Item	Date	Document Description
1.	8 November 2017	Treasury Report: Vote Health Fiscal Position
2.	13 November 2017	Treasury Report: Primary Care Advice
3.	5 December 2017	Joint Report: DHB Funding Signal for 2017/18

**Information to be withheld**

We propose to withhold all three documents requested by Jem Traylen in full, under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act:

"to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials."

The proposed letter of reply is attached for your information.

**Response to be Published Online**

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**IN-CONFIDENCE****Recommended Action**

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We recommend that you:

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Carolyn Palmer  
**Manager, Health**

Hon Grant Robertson  
**Minister of Finance**

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Jem Traylen  
Rainbow Wellington  
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Dear Jem Traylen

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 16 April 2018. This follows on from your earlier request for a list of documents provided by Treasury concerning Vote:Health. Details of your most recent request are included below:

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**Information to be Withheld**

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Please note that the documents you requested will be available as part of the Treasury’s annual proactive release of Budget-related material in July, following Budget 2018 decisions and announcements.

In addition, more information about the Budget process, including an indicative timeline (Figure 3 refers) can be found on the Treasury website link below. I hope this will help you with your work. <https://treasury.govt.nz/publications/guide/putting-it-together-explanatory-guide-new-zealands-state-sector-financial-management-system-html>

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Reference: 20180149

7 May 2018

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3.	5 December 2017	Joint Report: DHB Funding Signal for 2017/18

I have decided to withhold the three documents you have requested in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act.

“To maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.”

Please note that the documents you requested will be available as part of the Treasury’s annual proactive release of Budget-related material in July, following Budget 2018 decisions and announcements.

In addition, more information about the Budget process, including an indicative timeline (Figure 3 refers) can be found on the Treasury website link below. I hope this will help you with your work. <https://treasury.govt.nz/publications/guide/putting-it-together-explanatory-guide-new-zealands-state-sector-financial-management-system-html>

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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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