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s9(2)(a)

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### Official Information Act 1982 request – staff reduction / redundancy proposal documents

I refer to your Official Information Act request (OIA), received by Education New Zealand (ENZ) on 11 April 2024.

*Under the Official Information Act, I request:*

*Copies of all proposal documents prepared to give effect to the Government's directive to reduce expenditure in the public service, including but not limited to reduction of staff numbers and resulting redundancies.*

*If no such specific proposal document exists, please provide copies of all documents concerning the reduction of staff and redundancies from 27 November 2023 to present.*

The details of ENZ's contribution to the savings exercise are part of the Budget 2024 process and confidential. As you know the Government is looking to find \$1.5 billion per annum in savings to deliver on policy commitments and address critical cost pressures. ENZ has for some time been working to manage costs including, for example, limiting travel.

Your request is declined under section 9(2)(f)(iv) –

*maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*

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Yours sincerely

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