

Reference: 20220038

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Dear Holly

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 4 February 2022. You requested the following:

1. *Budget 2018 Guidance for Agencies document; or equivalent documents outlining the application of government priorities to budget initiatives for agencies or departments specifically*
2. *Cabinet Minutes: Minute of decision(s), dated between 2009 to 2017, containing minuted vote decisions pertaining to "sole parent support"; "families package(s)"; "Working for Families"; "main benefit(s)"; "supplementary benefit(s)"; "sole parent".*

On 16 February 2022 the request was clarified to:

*I would like to progress with the request by confirming that I am happy for the Treasury to reply to part 1 of my OIA request: Budget 2018 Guidance for Agencies document; or equivalent documents outlining the application of government priorities to budget initiatives for agencies or departments specifically.*

*I confirm that I withdraw part 2 of my request and will resubmit part 2 to Inland Revenue and the Ministry of Social Development.*

## Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	1 September 2017	Budget 2018 Circular	Release in full
2.	1 September 2017	2018 Guidance for Agencies – Significant Initiatives	Release in part
3.	1 September 2017	Guidance for Social Investment Track	Release in full
4.	1 September 2017	Social Investment Template	Release in full

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5.	1 December 2017	Guidance Manifesto and Cost Pressures	Release in full
6.	21 December 2017	Process and Technical Guidance for Departments	Release in full
7.	1 September 2017	2018 General Initiative Template	Release in full

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:

- direct dial phone numbers of officials, under 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 under section 9(2)(k) 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 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

Simon Duncan  
**Manager, Budget Management**