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Ref: DOIA 2223-0393 - Tim

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Dear Tim

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

> I am interested to understand how much money has been spent on industry transformation plans to date, and how much is budgeted.

Could this request please be extended to any other ministry / government entity that has budget for this work. E.g. Min Primary Industries is doing forestry and food and beverage plans.

Please include in this request,

- how many full time equivalent staff are working on industry transformation plans, listed by organisation
- what is the annual cost of staff working on industry transformation plans, listed by Ministry, including salary and non-salary costs (e.g. overheads).
- what has been the spending to date on external contractors on industry transformation plans, listed by external contractor and service provided.
- what are the different budgets for industry transformation plans and how much is in each budget, over each year etc.

Finally, has any review been done by MBIE of the success of 'Industrial Policy' overseas and in New Zealand's own history and the return on investment? If reports have been done considering such matters, is it please possible to have a copy? Has MBIE relied on reports that exist already and if so, which reports?

This letter is to advise you that part of your request has been transferred to the Ministry for Primary Industries, as you asked.

This is because part of the information you have requested, namely, about forestry and food and beverage plans, is not held by the MBIE. Section 14(b)(i) of the Act requires me to transfer any request where the information is not held, but is believed to be held by another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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