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Tēnā koe J

Official Information Act request: Financial position

Thank you for your email of 6 April to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), seeking under the Official Information Act (the Act), information concerning the Ministry's financial position. Specifically, you requested:

Is your department at risk of overspending its financial appropriation this year?

If it is, please supply

** all correspondence with and information supplied to Treasury about this*

** all correspondence with and information supplied to your Minister and your Minister's office about this*

** all correspondence with and information supplied to the Public Services Commission about this*

** all correspondence with and information supplied to the Auditor-General or his office about this*

** all papers to or considered by your leadership team about this*

** all papers to or considered by your risk and audit committee about this*

** all papers to or considered by any other of your governance groups about this*

Have you set aside an allowance in this financial year for redundancies or other costs of restructuring? If so, how much is that allowance?

In response to your request, the Ministry, as part of its normal activity in its administration of Vote Courts and Votes Justice, would advise the Minister on any potential appropriation overspends along with proposed actions to mitigate such potential overspends. Such advice and actions, if any were to be identified, would be Budget sensitive and would be withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to protect the confidentiality of advice to Ministers.

The Ministry has not set aside any allowance for redundancies or restructures for the 2023/24 financial year. Should the Ministry anticipate such costs, these would be included in updated financial forecasts and appropriate allowances would be made.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/](https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Caroline Greaney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caroline Greaney

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