

# Hon Nicola Willis

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Dear Kitty

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 30 July 2024. You requested:

*In a press conference today, you stated that the amount of funding provided to Health NZ is consistent with the advice received "about what would needed to be met their cost pressures." You stated "Treasury advised me that we could give them a lower amount of cost pressure funding... we opted to stick to the commitment that was in our fiscal plan". You also you did not directly answer whether a higher budget bid was submitted.*

*Please provide the advice you received from Treasury re: Health NZ's cost pressures, cost pressure funding options (including the advice which outlined the lower amount cost pressure funding option), and if they exist, documents related to the higher budget bid.*

## Information publicly available

The information in scope of your request is due to be released as part of a proactive release on Health New Zealand finances as well as the Budget 2024 proactive release. These releases will be available at: <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/other-official-information/information-releases> in due course.

Accordingly, I have refused your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act:

- the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Willis'.

Hon Nicola Willis  
**Minister of Finance**