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Dear Andrew

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT COMPLAINT – Request for June 2023, September 2023, and December 2023 Quarterly Investment Reports

I refer to your request made under the Official Information Act and received on 2 August 2024. Your request was for - *copies of the Quarterly Investment Reports for June 2023, September 2023, and December 2023.*

On 13 August 2024, the Treasury extended the time limit for responding to the request by 20 working days. This was due to the consultations required to make a decision on your request. The Treasury responded to your request on 27 September 2024 providing you with the June 2023 Quarterly Investment Report (QIR) and refusing your requests for the September 2023 and December 2023 QIRs as they were publicly available on the Budget 2024 Website.

On 22 October 2024, the Office of the Ombudsman advised Treasury that it was opening an investigation into the decision to extend the timeframe of the request. On 12 December 2024, the Chief Ombudsman advised the Treasury that it was his opinion that Treasury had failed to communicate the decision to refuse the requests for the September and December 2023 QIRs as soon as reasonably practicable.

Following the Ombudsman's recommendation, the Treasury apologises for not communicating the decision to refuse your request for the September 2023 and December 2023 QIRs under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act, as soon as reasonably practicable.

Yours sincerely

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