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Dear J

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 27 January 2025 to the Office of Hon Matt Doocey, Associate Minister of Health. You requested:

“Please forward all memos and advice sent from or to you relating to funding for the 2025/2026 budget:

- (a) discussing nutrition programmes (including research). This can include reviewing the scientific evidence to update nutrition recommendations, staff and clinician education, and public health measures.*
- (b) Increased access to testing for nutritional deficiency where blood serum levels and deficiency is well described in the literature.*
- (c) Increasing access to vitamin D dietary supplementation and the range of conditions associated with vitamin D deficiency.*
- (d) Access to dietary nutrients for treatment of depression, anxiety and ADHD.*
- (e) Funding to support and promote nutrition education at primary and secondary level.”*

The Office identified two documents within scope of your request. However, these documents are withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, we have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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Brooke Lacey
Press Secretary