

14 August 2024

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 18 July 2024 for:

- *All written advice including Cabinet papers, briefings, memos, aide memoirs, emails, texts and correspondence provided to Ministers on the outcomes of the gender budgeting pilot (including through use of the tool 'Bringing Gender In') in previous Budgets (21, 22, 23).*

Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women (the Ministry) sought clarification from you via email on Monday 22 July 2024 to confirm if your request included advice provided to previous governments. You confirmed on Thursday 1 August this information request relates to advice provided to the current Government.

Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women have identified two documents in scope of your request.

- Paras 19-22 of Briefing MW BR 23-24 0066 (**Appendix 1**)
- Briefing to the Incoming Minister pages 9-10. Found here: [2023 Briefing to the Incoming Minister for Women.pdf](#)

Official Information Act responses

Please note that this response, with your personal details redacted, may be published on the Ministry's website. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz, within two weeks of the date of this letter.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



Maxine Shortland
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Out of scope

Gender budgeting work to date

- 19 There are many ways to do gender budgeting. The most common way to do this in OECD countries is through a gender impact assessment (GIA), which is the approach we have used in New Zealand.
- 20 This requires agencies to provide a gender impact assessment (GIA) as part of their budget initiative submission and complete a series of questions describing the anticipated impacts of their initiative on women and girls. A copy of the six questions used in Budget 2023 is attached at **Appendix Two**.
- 21 We have used gender budgeting in the last two Budget cycles (2022 and 2023):
- Budget 2022 included five participating agencies, covering 19 budget initiatives.
 - In Budget 2023, a total of 135 initiatives participated. 27 budget initiatives from across 15 agencies were required to participate. For the first time, agencies were able to voluntarily participate in gender budgeting.
- 22 We jointly lead gender budgeting with the Treasury. This work does not require any additional funding or resourcing to implement and uses existing baselines.

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