

26 June 2025

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 9 June for:

- *In the recent budget, the government indicated it wishes to make savings at the Ministry for Women by reducing funding on research and project based initiatives. As below./*
- *"Contractors and Consultants*
- *This savings initiative returns funding for contractors and consultants at the Ministry for Women. The savings will be realised by reducing expenditure on research and project-based initiatives. This initiative contributes to the baseline savings target for the Ministry for Women."*
- *What I am specifically seeking are list of projects which are affected by this change.*

On 19 June 2025, we asked you to clarify or amend your request as the Ministry for Women was not requested to find additional cost-savings in Budget 2025. However, the Ministry was asked to find cost-savings in Budget 2024.

As we did not receive a response to our request for clarification or an amendment, we have interpreted your request as relating to cost-savings in Budget 2024.

Information on Budget 2024 cost-savings can be found in the Ministry's Annual Review (**see question 165**), found here: [f634dec23cf95efb288621e6097c11870688dc2d](https://www.mfw.govt.nz/annual-review/2024/question-165)

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

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Anna Chalmers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anna Chalmers
Deputy Secretary, Engagement, Policy and Delivery