

12 August 2026

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 23 July 2026. You requested copies of the following documents:

IR2026/161: Overseas donee status: Approvals for inclusion in 2026-27 Annual Rates Bill

BN2026/176: First meeting of the Tax Settings Affecting Migration and Investment reference group

BN2026/182: Tax and Social Policy Work Programme: Upcoming reports

IR2026/118: International policy items for Annual Rates Bill

Information refused

I am refusing to release these four documents in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. As required by section 9(1) of the OIA, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding the information requested is outweighed by the public interest. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

Right of review

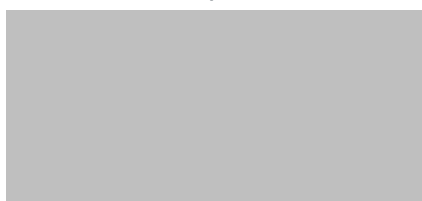
If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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