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Dear

On 1 July 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *A copy of the Cost Benefit Analysis Budget 2016 new initiatives and/or CBAX analysis.*

Treasury guidance for Budget 2016 stated that all Budget initiatives must be supported by a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) except for cost pressure initiatives. CBA is a tool for evaluating policy and is first and foremost an organising principle. The tool is used for organising information and enabling comparison across different options and outcomes.

The Treasury have developed a CBA tool called CBAX to help compare different options for important public sector decisions in New Zealand. All social sector initiatives (except cost pressures) should also include a completed CBAX assessment.

Further information can be found on the Treasury's website at the following link:  
<http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/guidance/planning/costbenefitanalysis/guide/cba-guide-jul15.pdf>

The enclosed table provides a list of documents which have been identified as in scope of your request. Note that as per the Ministry's previous response to you, information regarding unsuccessful budget bids is withheld as being under active consideration. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served. Some of the documents outlined in the table, are also withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act as the bids remain under active consideration.

Some information regarding the contract negotiations of the Auckland Housing Supply Team is withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Act to enable the Ministry to carry on those negotiations, without prejudice or disadvantage. The greater public interest is in ensuring that government agencies can continue negotiations without prejudice.

Some information regarding the Family Violence Prevention Network is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions. I believe the greater public interest is in the ability of individuals to express opinions in the course of their duty.

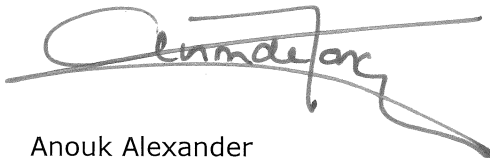
It is pertinent to note that the CBA documents set out the service in scope, related costs and total funding sought at a point in time. Over the duration of the budget negotiation process, the detail was adjusted to reflect proposed changes and the documents were not adjusted accordingly. As such, some information is withheld from the CBA documents under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions. I believe the greater public interest is in the ability of individuals to express opinions in the course of their duty.

All CBAX documents are also withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

I hope you find this information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
Wellington 6143

Yours sincerely

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Anouk Alexander  
**Deputy Chief Executive, Organisational Governance**

Title	CBA	CBAX	
Child, Youth and Family (CYF) Increased Support	No	No	Not applicable
Investing in New Zealand's Children and Their Families			
• Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989 changes	No	No	Not applicable
• Achieving Independence	Yes	Yes	Withheld in full
• Special Guardianship	Yes	Yes	Withheld in full
• Subsequent Children	Yes	Yes	Withheld in full
• Supporting Permanent Caregivers	Yes	Yes	Withheld in full
Investing in New Zealand's Children and their Families - Transformation Programme	No	No	Not applicable
Children's Action Plan	Yes	Yes	Withheld in full
Better Public Services Result 1: Reducing Long-Term Welfare Dependence			
• 3K to Work	No	Yes	Withheld in full
• Active Case Management	No	Yes	Withheld in full
• Packages of Care Through District Health Boards	Yes		Provided in full
◦ Canterbury DHB		Yes	Withheld in full
◦ Northland DHB		Yes	Withheld in full
◦ Waikato DHB		Yes	Withheld in full
◦ Waitemata DHB (SMH)		Yes	Withheld in full
◦ Waitemata DHB (Stroke)		Yes	Withheld in full
◦ Waitemata DHB (Prisoners and their families)	No	No	Not applicable
◦ Supporting ex-offenders into employment (joint MSD/Corrections initiative)	Yes	Yes	Withheld in full
Better Public Services Result 1: Extending the Youth Service	Yes	Yes	Withheld in part
Specialist Sexual Violence Services	Yes	Yes	Withheld in part

Family Violence Response Coordination	Yes	Yes	Withheld in part
Community finance scale-up from pilot	Yes	Yes	Provided in full
Ministry of Social Development - Ensuring the Safety of Our Employees	No	No	Not applicable
Property Implications from the Security Review and Changing Service Delivery	No	No	Not applicable
Social Housing			
• Additional resources	Yes	Yes	Withheld in full
• Additional Places	Yes	Yes	Withheld in part
• Emergency Housing	Yes	Yes	Withheld in part
• Water Rates	Yes	No	Withheld in part
• Social Allocation System (SAS)	Yes	No	Withheld in full
Supporting further work on Enabling Good Lives	Yes	No	Withheld in full