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Official Information Request
Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0556

I refer to your official information request received on 23 May 2025 for:

- *“All budget bids and relevant advice, for the bids that were accepted as a part of Vote Public Service in Budget 2025*
- *All substantive correspondence, for each of the bids submitted under Vote Public Service in Budget 2025*
- *All budget bids, and relevant advice for the bids that were submitted for consideration as part of Vote Public Service in Budget 2025*
- *All budget bids, and relevant advice for the bids that the department considered putting forward for consideration but did not as part of Vote Public Service in Budget 2025”*

Information being released

The Public Service Commission (the Commission) did not submit any Budget bids in Budget 2025. The Crown Response Office (CRO) (which is hosted by the Commission), submitted four Budget bids for Vote Public Service.

Please find listed in the table below the following documents provided by CRO, to the Lead Coordination Minister for the Government’s Response to the Royal Commission’s Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions related to their four bids for Vote Public Service.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	22 November 2024	Briefing - Approach to developing a Budget 2025 package	Released in part
2	27 November 2025	A3 - Approach to creating a package of initiatives for redress provision for submission to the Budget 25 process	Released in part

3	28 November 2025	A3 - Approach to creating a package of Crown Response to Abuse in Care initiatives for submission to the Budget 25 process	Released in part
4	3 December 2024	Briefing - Approach to creating a package of initiatives for redress provision for submission to the Budget 25 process	Released in part
5	12 December 2024	Briefing - Preparing costings for a Crown Response Budget 2025 bid – Time limited funding for the proposed duration of the Crown Response Office	Released in part
6	12 December 2024	Briefing - Placeholder Submission - Crown Response to Abuse in Care Budget '25 Package	Released in part
7	12 December 2024	Annotated Agenda - For Meeting with MoF-Min Stanford 16 Dec	Released in part
8	18 December 2024	Briefing - Updated information on the Crown Response Office component of the Crown Response Budget 2025 bid	Released in part
9	17 January 2025	Briefing - For approval - Budget '25 Crown Response to Abuse Package	Released in part
10	27 February 2025	Aide Memoire - Bilateral with Minister of Finance on Crown Response Budget '25 package	Released in part
11	6 March 2025	A3 - Redress System Package – Alternative Scaling Options	Released in part
12	14 March 2025	Briefing - Confirming the Crown Response Budget 2025 package	Released in part
13	23 April 2025	Cover Note - Budget 2025 – Summary of initiatives document for publication	Released in part
14	23 April 2025	Summary of Initiatives - Crown Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care	Released in part
15	13 May 2025	Briefing - Crown Response Work Programme and Summary of Budget '25 Package	Released in part

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an

organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty

- section 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege

In addition, some information has been deleted where it is not within the scope of your request.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

We are currently preparing these documents for release, and they will be released to you no later than **15 August 2025**.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz.

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.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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