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- [1] 6(a) - to avoid prejudice to the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the government
- [23] 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- [25] 9(2)(b)(ii) - to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information or who is the subject of the information
- [27] 9(2)(ba)(ii) - to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest
- [31] 9(2)(f)(ii) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting collective and individual ministerial responsibility
- [33] 9(2)(f)(iv) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials
- [34] 9(2)(g)(i) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- [35] 9(2)(g)(ii) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting ministers, members of government organisations, officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment;
- [36] 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege
- [37] 9(2)(i) - to enable the Crown to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage or prejudice
- [38] 9(2)(j) - to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice
- [39] 9(2)(k) - to prevent the disclosure of official information for improper gain or improper advantage
- [40] 18(c)(i) - that the making available of the information requested would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment

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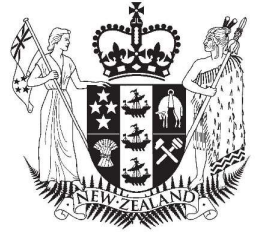
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17 April 2024

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Dear Minister

VOTE FOREIGN AFFAIRS – BUDGET 2024

Thank you for your letter of 9 April requesting confirmation with regards to composition of the agreed \$15 million annual savings package for Vote Foreign Affairs.

We have determined the allocation of the \$15 million per annum from 2024/25 as follows:

From Non-Departmental Appropriations (\$10m)

- Pacific Cooperation Foundation \$1.4m.
- Promotion of Asian Skills and Relationships (Asia New Zealand Foundation) \$0.355m.
- Antarctic Research and Support (Antarctica New Zealand) \$0.630m.
- International Development Cooperation \$7.615m (to be taken from non-priority thematic areas for the Coalition Government).

From Departmental Appropriation (\$5m)

- Delivery of New Zealand Foreign Policy \$4.255m (to be taken from contractors and consultants, specialised funds, back-office savings, and other efficiencies).
- Management of International Development Cooperation \$0.745m (reflecting the reduction in International Development Cooperation).

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Winston Peters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Minister of Foreign Affairs