



## BRIEFING

### Implications of Budget 2024 funding for Geohazards data, information and monitoring services.

<b>Date:</b>	18 April 2024	<b>Priority:</b>	High
<b>Security classification:</b>	Budget - Sensitive	<b>Tracking number:</b>	2324-3067

Action sought		
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Hon Mark Mitchell <b>Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery</b>	<b>Note</b> implications of proposed geohazards budget  <b>Agree</b> that MBIE will provide you with further advice on a cross-agency oversight of core GeoNet services	23 April 2024

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)				
Name	Position	Telephone		1st contact
Prue Williams	GM Future Research System		Privacy of natural persons	✓
Privacy of natural persons	Principal Policy Advisor			

The following departments/agencies have been consulted

Minister's office to complete:

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved             | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted                | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn           |

Comments



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### Purpose

To advise on the implications of the draft Budget 2024 outcome for geohazard, data and information and monitoring **Confidential advice to Government**

### Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

- a. **Note** the indicative figures for Budget 2024 will provide funding for geohazard services at a level similar to current levels for FY 2024/25.

*Noted*

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- e. **Agree** that MBIE will provide you with further advice on a cross-agency mechanism for future oversight of GeoNet core services.

*Agree / Disagree*



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Labour Science and Enterprise, MBIE

19 / 04 / 2024

Hon Mark Mitchell  
**Minister for Emergency Management  
and Recovery**

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## Background

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1. We have previously advised you on the implications of various funding profiles for geohazards data, information, and monitoring services [briefings 2324-2790, 2324-2883 refers].
2. Treasury has advised the following funding is being proposed for Geohazards services - baselined from 2027/28.

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & outyears
30,778	26,055	26,055	24,055

3. This funding maintains funding at levels approximately equal to 2023/24 levels for 2025/26  
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4. We have previously advised that maintaining funding at levels approximately equal to 2023/24 will result in downgrading of services [briefings 2324-2883 refers].  
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5. Confidential advice to Government
6. In line with the direction from the Minister of Finance, Treasury has indicated the following recommendations will be provided to Cabinet as part of the Budget package:
  - a. **agree** to fund the Geohazard Information Services: GeoNet, the National Seismic Hazard Model and the National Geohazard Monitoring Centre.
  - b. Confidential advice to Government
  - c.
  - d.

## Implications of budget decisions

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The baselined funding for the core GeoNet services will provide greater certainty for planning the ongoing development of these underpinning services.
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- 13. Currently agencies are represented on governance and technical advisory groups for GeoNet. Confidential advice to Government  
[Redacted]

**Next steps**

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- 14. We understand you plan to meet with the Minister of Science Innovation and Technology to discuss and agree future Ministerial and agency responsibilities for geohazards.
- 15. In the meantime, MBIE will continue to provide policy advice, coordinate with partner agencies, and administer funding for Geohazards services.
- 16. Confidential advice to Government  
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**Annexes**

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