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**BUDGET-SENSITIVE**

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Hon Nicola Willis  
Minister of Finance  
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Cc Hon Melissa Lee, Minister for Economic Development

Dear Nicola

Thank you for your letter of 15 November setting out the core components of Budget 2025.

***Energy portfolio***

I am confirming that I, as the Minister for Energy, have submitted the following Grants and Funds savings initiatives for my Portfolio.

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I have attached the relevant Grants and Funds Submission Summary to this letter. The scenarios outlined in the Summary meet both the high and low savings targets you have requested for funds and grants in the Energy portfolio. Confidential advice to Government

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*I intend to manage policy programme cost pressures from within the Portfolio*

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has a declining baseline for energy policy. Its current level of resource has been established with short-term project funding, which does not reflect that the increasing complexities of the energy system driven by changes in demand, technology, and the transition to renewable energy sources. These are likely to be enduring issues. I intend to address the resource shortfall by reviewing the medium-term work programme, and by adjusting funding through a transfer of non-departmental funding.

### ***Auckland portfolio***

I also confirm that, as the Minister for Auckland, I am not submitting any initiatives for my Portfolio. No initiatives were invited for this Portfolio.

Thank you for your work preparing for Budget 2025. I look forward to hearing from you regarding these initiatives.

Yours sincerely

Hon Simeon Brown  
Minister for Energy