



BUDGET-SENSITIVE

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance
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c.c. Hon Melissa Lee
Minister for Economic Development

Dear Nicola

I am confirming that I will be submitting initiatives for the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment which cover all proposals for the Workplace Relations and Safety portfolio.

Specifically, I am submitting the two requested reviews of tagged contingencies outlined below:

Savings	Tagged Contingency	Supporting WorkSafe Service Realignment
Savings	Tagged Contingency	Remaining Costs of the Whakaari Prosecution

I am advised that the *Supporting WorkSafe Service Realignment* contingency, which currently holds \$7.000m in tagged funding, is no longer required by WorkSafe, as the risks that it was established to address did not eventuate. As this contingency expires on 1 February 2025, I recommend simply allowing this contingency to expire, which is the most pragmatic way of releasing this funding.

However, I believe there is a need to retain the **Commercial Information** *Remaining Costs of the Whakaari Prosecution* contingency. WorkSafe faces ongoing costs related to legal appeals and a coronial inquest which would be difficult to meet from within baselines without impacting its core services.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety