



BRIEFING

Budget 2025 – Letter to the Minister of Finance

Date:	12 December 2024	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0006898

Minister	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Judith Collins KC Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology	Agree to sign the attached letter to the Minister of Finance as requested within the Budget 2025 process.	17 December 2024

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Robyn Henderson	Policy Director, Science and Space	Privacy of natural persons	✓
Privacy of natural persons	Principal Policy Advisor, Science Policy		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted
n/a

Minister's office to complete:

☐ Approved

☐ Declined

☐ Noted

☐ Needs change

☐ Seen

☐ Overtaken by Events

☐ See Minister's Notes

☐ Withdrawn

Comments



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Purpose

To seek your agreement to sign the attached letter to the Minister of Finance as required as part of the Budget 2025 process.

Recommended action

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

- a **Note** that you received a letter from the Minister of Finance on 9 December, asking that you provide Confidential advice to Government for Budget 2025 that equal approximately Confidential advice to Government

Noted

- b Confidential advice to Government

Noted

- c **Agree** to sign the attached letter before 17 December, which will allow the content to be included in the whole of Ministry letter being signed by the Minister responsible for the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Hon Melissa Lee.

Agree / Disagree

Robyn Henderson
Policy Director, Science and Space
LSE Group, MBIE

12 / 12 / 2024

Hon Judith Collins KC
Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology

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Responding to the Minister of Finance

1. The Minister of Finance wrote to you on 9 December 2024, requesting that you provide three reprioritisation and savings packages that equate to Confidential advice to Government as part of your Budget submissions.
2. As discussed with you on 4 December 2024, we have been working on a set of transfers within existing SI&T appropriations to enable the agreed system reforms to be funded, by repurposing funding in lower priority areas. This is consistent with your proposal agreed by Cabinet that you will implement the reform programme within existing SI&T appropriations.
3. Confidential advice to Government
We suggest that this is presented as the Confidential advice to Government in your response to the Minister of Finance.

Confidential advice to Government

Next steps

11. A letter from you to the Minister of Finance will be submitted into CFISNet before Christmas, and the summary content will also be included in a MBIE-wide letter from Hon Melissa Lee as the responsible Minister for the Ministry.
12. Therefore, we ask that you sign the attached letter before Tuesday 17 December 2024. We can discuss any outstanding matters around this during the SI&T Officials meeting scheduled for the same day.

13. We will complete Budget 2025 templates that describe the components of the reform initiatives, due to The Treasury on 23 December 2024.

Annexes

Annex One: Letter to the Minister of Finance