

28 May 2013

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Dear Mr Gracewood

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and received by the Minister of Revenue on 2 May 2013. You requested the following:

Given that a decision has been made to proceed with the IRD IT Business Transformation Programme, it is important for the public to know how this will be undertaken and the costs and risks involved. I understand some information has been redacted while the decision is pending, but now that the project is proceeding I request that this information is made available.

As such I request the information regarding the approach and risks.

Specifically I request the information on pages 8-16 and 18 of the Business Transformation Story document and additionally pages 16-24 of the IT Roadmap Including Key Risks

As the information you have requested is held by Inland Revenue, your request was transferred to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue on 3 May 2013.

This response covers your request.

Information to be released

I have decided to release part of page 8 of "The Transformation Story", and pages 21 and 24 of "The IT Roadmap Including Key Risks".

The released material is attached in Appendix 1.

Information to be withheld

Other information requested, except for page 23 of "The IT Roadmap Including Key Risks", is being withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

Part of page 18 of the "The Transformation Story", and Page 23 of "The IT Roadmap Including Key Risks" is being withheld under section 18(c)(i) of the OIA – making the requested information available would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment, namely Inland Revenue's secrecy obligation in section 81 of the Tax Administration Act 1994. Disclosure of the information requested does not fall within any of the specific exceptions to the secrecy obligation, nor within the general carrying into effect exception in section 81(1).

In the interests of transparency, it is possible that this information may be released in the future.

Right of review

This fully covers the information you requested.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10152, The Terrace, Wellington 6143.

Alternatively, you may have the decision reviewed by a review officer who reports directly to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue. Choosing the internal right of review does not preclude you from subsequently seeking a review by the Ombudsman should you be dissatisfied with the department's internal review. If an internal review is sought, please write to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, PO Box 2198, Wellington 6140, setting out the details of your complaint.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ron Grindle', with a large loop at the end of the name.

Ron Grindle
Acting Deputy Commissioner
Business Transformation