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Dear Simon Bloomberg

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 6 December 2016.  
You requested:

*"Are our Regions included in total tax and spending data? if so may I please have a breakdown of the region by region taxation vs spending.*

*An example might be that "Cantabrians per capita are taxed 20c on the dollar but they receive 20c on the dollar through spending".*

The Treasury does not hold the information you have requested. Therefore, I am declining your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act: that the information is not held by the Treasury, and there is no reason to believe that transferring the request would yield the information from another source.

However, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Treasury jointly commissioned an analysis of government expenditure by region in 2013 which may be of interest to you. The report is publicly available as follows:

| Item | Date       | Document Description                   | Website Address   |
|------|------------|--|---|
| 1.   | April 2013 | Regional Government Expenditure Report | <a href="http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/sectors-industries/regions-cities/research/regional-government-expenditure-report">http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/sectors-industries/regions-cities/research/regional-government-expenditure-report</a> |

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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