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Dear Joshua Grainger

Official Information Request for Information Relating to the Department of the Prime Minister Budgets for 2012/13

I refer to your information request of 25 May 2012 for:

- *"All information about the internal budget of DPMC [for the 2012/13 financial year]; that is, what money is spent on once provided to DPMC. For example, how much is being spent on staff, which unit inside DPMC are those staff in, and what their job/responsibility is.*
- *I would like to know what is being brought with the \$2,700,000 provided in capital expenditure, and what is being paid for with the \$6,990,000 provided for intelligence coordination and national security priorities.*
- *The latest purchase agreement between DPMC and the Prime Minister."*

Work on finalising internal budgets for the 2012/13 financial year is currently underway within the Department and there is no detailed information available on those internal budgets available at this time.

Forecast capital expenditure is available in the Department's *Statement of Intent 2012 – 2016* which you can access through the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's own website at: <http://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/all/files/publications/soi-dpmc-2012-16.pdf>.

Detailed information on budgets for each department is made available each year via the Treasury website at: <http://www.treasury.govt.nz/>. Detailed financial budgets for the 2012/13

financial year are under development but it is anticipated that this information will be made available through this website in due course.

Similarly, detailed information including responses to the Parliamentary Select Committee to written questions for the 2010/11 financial review of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is currently available through the Parliament website at:

<http://www.parliament.nz/>. It is anticipated that similar information covering the 2011/12 financial review of the Department will be available through this website in due course.

Your request in relation to details of the Department's internal budget is formally declined under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act, the information has been withheld on the basis "*that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.*"

I can confirm that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has no separate purchase agreement with the Prime Minister. This part of your request is formally declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act - "*that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist ...*".

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely



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