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Thank you for your email of 29 January 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I'm getting in touch under the Official Information Act to please request all internal communication in the Ministry from August 2023 to now, regarding job cuts and savings targets.

Please also provide the amount of FTEs and the proposed ideal amount of FTEs under the new Government's cost saving model in the public service.

In addition, am I please able to get a copy of communication between the Ministry and the Minister, on the topic of cost savings and job cuts?

As you are aware, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) provided a response to the following parts of your request on 27 February 2024:

Please also provide the amount of FTEs and the proposed ideal amount of FTEs under the new Government's cost saving model in the public service.

In addition, am I please able to get a copy of communication between the Ministry and the Minister, on the topic of cost savings and job cuts?

The Ministry interpreted of the first part of your request for “*all internal communication in the Ministry from August 2023 to now, regarding job cuts and savings targets*” to be seeking written communications sent to staff as a whole, since August 2023, regarding job cuts and savings targets. You confirmed that this interpretation was correct.

The Ministry has identified 13 communications in scope of the first part of your request, as listed in the attached table. The Ministry is releasing all 13 communications to you in full.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	8 August 2023	Communication 1 Updating you on the operating model project – August 2023	Released in full	N/A
2	20 September 2023	Communication 2 <i>Follow-up to all staff hui</i>	Released in full	N/A
3	22 September 2023	Communication 3 Operating Model Review	Released in full	N/A
4	22 September 2023	Communication 4 Operating Model Media Query	Released in full	N/A
5	16 October 2023	Communication 5 2023 General Election	Released in full	N/A
6	27 October 2023	Communication 6 Leadership team appointments	Released in full	N/A
7	29 September 2023	Communication 7 Next week's AMA session	Released in full	N/A
8	3 November 2023	Communication 8 Special votes – what's next	Released in full	N/A
9	17 November 2023	Communication 9 Confirming new leader appointments	Released in full	N/A
10	24 November 2023	Communication 10 Formation of Government	Released in full	N/A
11	1 December 2023	Communication 11 Acknowledging new business groups	Released in full	N/A

12	15 December 2023	Communication 12 Back from COP, looking to the new year	Released in full	N/A
13	23 June 2023 – 24 February 2024	Communication 13 Extracts from James Palmer's blog – June 23 – February 24	Released in full	N/A