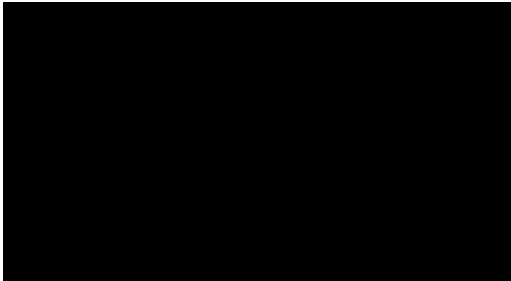




13 June 2025



Official information request for redundancy spend between November 2023 and 19 May 2025

1. We refer to your official information request dated 19 May 2025. We have numbered each question for ease of reference:
 - Question 1: *"...the agency's total redundancy spend from November 1, 2023 to today - 19 May 2025, by month, in a table."*
 - Question 2: *"Please also provide monthly numbers around confirmed job cuts at the agency from the same timeframe, and also, the total cost savings the restructures have realised - including in reducing staff and other matters."*
 - Question 3: *"Please also confirm any future cost saving initiatives that are planned, including restructures, and what the timeframe[s] of those are - including around your Budget 2025 savings targets."*
2. The information you have requested is enclosed.

Question 1

3. Due to the small number of staff that have been made redundant, the breakdown by month will identify specific staff. Therefore, we decline this request under s 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of natural persons. Between 1 November 2023 to 19 May 2025, Crown Law paid \$179,269.39 in redundancy payments.

Question 2

4. In June 2024 Crown Law disestablished 17 roles and in November 2024 Crown Law disestablished 2 roles. The total cost savings were all attributable to the Government's directive to reduce expenditure in the Public Service, Crown Law's baseline was reduced by \$2m in the financial year 2024/25.

Question 3

5. Crown Law has established a Financial Sustainability Programme which has been tasked with two strategic aims: maintain operations within current baseline and

ensure ongoing financial sustainability. There are no further cost saving initiatives, including restructures, planned for 2025/2026.

Proactive release

6. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.
7. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.
8. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA@crownlaw.govt.nz.

