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[4] 6(c) - to avoid prejudice to the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial

[7] 6(e)(ii) - to prevent serious damage to the economy of New Zealand by disclosing prematurely decisions to change or continue government economic or financial policies relating to the regulation of banking or credit

[12] 7(a)(i) - to avoid prejudice to the security or defence of the self-governing State of the Cook Islands

[13] 7(a)(ii) - to avoid prejudice to the security or defence of the self-governing State of Niue

[14] 7(a)(iii) - to avoid prejudice to the security or defence of Tokelau

[15] 7(a)(iv) - to avoid prejudice to the security or defence of the Ross Dependency

[23] 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people

[25] 9(2)(b)(ii) - to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information or who is the subject of the information

[26] 9(2)(ba)(i) - to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied

[27] 9(2)(ba)(ii) - to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest

[31] 9(2)(f)(ii) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting collective and individual ministerial responsibility

[33] 9(2)(f)(iv) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials

[34] 9(2)(g)(i) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions

[35] 9(2)(g)(ii) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting ministers, members of government organisations, officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment;

[36] 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege

[37] 9(2)(i) - to enable the Crown to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage or prejudice

[38] 9(2)(j) - to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice

[39] 9(2)(k) - to prevent the disclosure of official information for improper gain or improper advantage

[40] 18(c)(i) - that the making available of the information requested would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment

[41] 18(d) - information requested is or will soon be publicly available

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Minister for Economic Growth
Minister for Social Investment

4 May 2026

Hon Simon Watts
Minister of Revenue
Parliament Buildings

Dear Simon

Budget 2026 decisions – Vote Revenue and Vote Revenue (IRD-Crown)

Following discussions with Budget Ministers, this letter confirms the decisions made as a part of Budget 2026. I will seek Cabinet's approval to the Budget 2026 package in early May 2026.

The attached summary includes all agreed initiatives under Vote Revenue and Vote Revenue (IRD-Crown) for which you are responsible. In the case of cross vote initiatives, the Treasury will work with the agencies to identify the final funding splits.

I would be grateful if you could direct your officials to work with the Treasury to complete the financial recommendations and prepare the necessary Estimates and Supplementary Estimates material, as these are due shortly.

Please note that these decisions remain Budget Sensitive. My office will provide further advice on the approach to Budget communications.

If any of the decisions in this letter affect the responsibilities of another Minister, I ask that you please refer this letter to them.

Thank you again for your support toward the successful delivery of Budget 2026.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance

CC Peter Mersi, Commissioner and Chief Executive, Inland Revenue Department

Revenue
Budget 2026 Package

Operating expense given as average per annum and capital values are total capital. Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

New Spending ($m)

	Average Operating	Total Capital
New Service Or Policy	**15.7**	**1.4**
Compliance Activities - Increased Investment	15.0	-
Research and Development Tax Amendments - Departmental Impact	0.7	1.4

Total Average Operating per Annum 15.7

Total Capital 1.4

Savings and Revenue ($m)

	Average Operating	Total Capital
Baseline Reduction	**(15.8)**	**-**
Baseline Savings - Inland Revenue	(15.8)	-

Total Average Operating per Annum (15.8)

Total Capital -

Net Expenditure

Total Average Operating per Annum (0.1)

Total Capital 1.4

Revenue (IRD-Crown)
Budget 2026 Package

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New Spending ($m)

	Average Operating	Total Capital
New Service Or Policy	**28.8**	**-**
Foreign Investment Funds - Tax Rule Reforms	18.1	-
Non-resident Contractors' Tax - Exemption for Aircraft Asset Leasing	4.5	-
Non-resident Contractors' Tax - Modernisation	3.3	-
Research and Development Tax Incentive Amendments	2.9	-

	Average Operating	Total Capital
Pre-Committed Spending	**93.3**	**-**
Temporary IWTC increase	93.3	-

Savings and Revenue ($m)

	Average Operating	Total Capital
Revenue	**(50.9)**	**-**
Charities and Not-for-profits - Taxation and Changes to Settings	(14.4)	-
Company Loans to Shareholders - Taxation Rules	(36.5)	-
Thin Capitalisation Changes for Foreign-owned New Zealand Banking Groups	-	-

	Average Operating	Total Capital
Service Or Policy Savings	**(80.4)**	**-**
Compliance Activities - Increased Investment - Non-departmental Impact	(45.0)	-
Research and Development Tax Incentive – Reducing the Cap for Internal Non-administrative Software Expenditure	(24.8)	-
Thin Capitalisation for Infrastructure Projects - Return of Funding	(10.6)	-

	Average Operating	Total Capital
Welfare Reform	**(11.9)**	**-**
Working For Families – Family Scheme Income	(11.9)	-

New Spending

Total Average Operating per Annum	**122.0**
Total Capital	**-**

Savings and Revenue

Total Average Operating per Annum	**(143.2)**
Total Capital	**-**

Net Expenditure

Total Average Operating per Annum	**(21.1)**
Total Capital	**-**