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By email: s9(2)(a)	

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Thank you for your request, received on 11 April 2024, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

"Copies of all proposal documents prepared to give effect to the Government's directive to reduce expenditure in the public service, including but not limited to reduction of staff numbers and resulting redundancies.

If no such specific proposal document exists, please provide copies of all documents concerning the reduction of staff and redundancies from 27 November 2023 to present."

As an independent Crown entity, the Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko (Authority) has not received any direction to reduce expenditure. The Authority does not hold any proposal documents to give effect to the Government's directive to reduce expenditure in the public service.

The Authority also has no documents concerning the reduction of staff and redundancies from 27 November 2023 to present.

Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

The Authority is critically aware of the need to demonstrate value for money, with the responsible management of our assets, finances, capital expenditure and investments. The Authority is continuing to comply with its obligations under the Crown Entities Act 2004.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us by emailing <u>oia@ea.govt.nz</u>.

Nāku noa, nā,

Dirihi Mahirk

Airihi Mahuika GM Legal, Monitoring and Compliance