

Reference: 20160039

16 March 2016



Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 17 February 2016.
You requested:

1. *All Joint reports on BPS target Result 1 since 1 October 2015 sent to the Minister of Finance and other relevant Ministers.*
2. *Referring to p.3 of the attached document, released by Treasury under the Official Information Act, please advise whether Ministers agreed or disagreed with options 3.1 / 3.2 / 3.3.*
3. *Referring to p.4 of the attached document, released by Treasury under the Official Information Act, please advise whether the statement made in point 6 regarding MSD being “on track to achieve the 2017 BPS target” is still accurate as of today’s date.*
4. *Referring to p.16 of the attached document, released by Treasury under the Official Information Act, please advise what the names and locations of the “six potential trials” referred to are?*

Below are the responses to each part of your request.

1. *All Joint reports on BPS target Result 1 since 1 October 2015 sent to the Minister of Finance and other relevant Ministers.*

After conducting a search of Treasury records I advise that I have found no relevant documents. Consequently I must decline part 1 of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act:

- *that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.*

2. *Referring to p.3 of the attached document, released by Treasury under the Official Information Act, please advise whether Ministers agreed or disagreed with options 3.1 / 3.2 / 3.3.*

I can advise that Ministers agreed with 3.3.

3. *Referring to p.4 of the attached document, released by Treasury under the Official Information Act, please advise whether the statement made in point 6 regarding MSD being “on track to achieve the 2017 BPS target” is still accurate as of today’s date.*

As the BPS 1 target has been changed we are no longer reporting on this outcome. Please see www.ssc.govt.nz for further information on performance for BPS targets.

4. *Referring to p.16 of the attached document, released by Treasury under the Official Information Act, please advise what the names and locations of the “six potential trials” referred to are?*

One of these trials is described in Appendix One (page 32 of the previously released document); a second trial is called ‘Return to Work Programme for Stroke Survivors’ and is being run in Auckland. Details of the other potential trials remain withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act:

- *to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.*

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This fully covers the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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