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THE TREASURY

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 30 September 2021.  
You requested:

- *all Treasury Reports, Aide Memoires, and Cabinet Committee Briefings to the Minister of Finance and*
- *any Treasury comments in Cabinet papers*

*relating to the proposal to amend the Local Electoral Act 2001 to extend the ability to specify a later date or dates for key points in the process for triennial local elections?*

There are no Treasury Reports, Aide Memoires, or Cabinet Committee Briefings to the Minister of Finance on this topic. The only comment in a Cabinet paper that the Treasury has made relating to the proposal to amend the Local Electoral Act 2001 can be found in LEG-21-SUB-0145. In accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Official Information Act 1982, this comment has been provided as an extract from LEG-21-SUB-0145, and can be found below:

*Local Electoral Act 2001 amendment*

87.2 [Treasury's Regulatory Impact Analysis team has determined]... that the proposal to amend the Local Electoral Act 2001, to enable key local authority election dates to be delayed by further increments of up to six weeks, is exempt from the requirement to provide a Regulatory Impact Statement on the grounds that it has only a minor impact on businesses and individuals, and no impact on not-for-profit entities. The proposal extends the existing power of the Governor-General, by Order in Council, to repeatedly specify a later date(s) in six week increments for triennial local elections in an emergency situation. The power to shift election dates would be limited to 6 week increments during which an assessment would be made on whether to further shift the dates.

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

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

Yours sincerely

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