

Reference: 20220190

9 June 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 25 May 2022. You requested the following information:

*In your leadership role of the State Sector of New Zealand, and with regard to the general New Zealand economy, can you please tell me which essential governmental and business activity within the Public Service departments; Crown entities; State-owned enterprises or large industries are currently significantly disrupted by the effects of illness due to the 'Covid-19' outbreak? Please refer only to the effects from illnesses, and not the protocols put in place to manage the illness.*

*This request is made in reference to clause 9(2) of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 whereby Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern must revoke the Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020 Renewal Notice 2022 she issued under this Act, if the effects of the outbreak are no longer disrupting essential governmental and business activity in New Zealand: 9 (2) If no longer satisfied that the effects of the outbreak concerned are likely to disrupt or continue to disrupt essential governmental and business activity in New Zealand (or the parts of New Zealand concerned) significantly, the Prime Minister must promptly revoke the epidemic notice. (Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006)*

*This request is also made to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, as they must already have very clear information at their fingertips of significant disruptions caused due to Covid-19 illness, given that this order was issued from this Office. Therefore, this request should not be onerous?*

Upon consultation with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), the Treasury were advised that DPMC had also received this request and had transferred it to the Ministry of Health under section 14 of the Act. This is because the information requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Health.

Since DPMC have already transferred your requested to the Ministry of Health, the Treasury have not deemed it necessary to transfer it. We do not hold any additional relevant information that is not already held by the Ministry of Health. You may expect a response from the Ministry of Health in due course.

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

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

Yours sincerely

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