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Treasury Report: Upcoming Issues Briefing for the Minister - 15 April 2021

Date:	15 April 2021	Report No:	T2021/963
		File Number:	CO-6-2-6

Action sought

	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Grant Robertson Minister of Finance	Note the contents of this briefing Provide feedback on the draft agenda for the Weekly Agency Meeting	None

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

Name	Position	Telephone	1st Contact
Hermano Pinto	Advisor, Governance and Accountability ^[39]	^[35]	✓
Helen Guissane	Manager, Governance and Accountability		

Minister's Office actions (if required)

Return the signed report to Treasury.

Note any feedback on the quality of the report

Enclosure: Yes (attached)

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Recommended Action

We recommend that you:

- a. Note the contents of the attached briefing

Noted

- b. Provide any feedback you have on the following sections:

- Section 1: Upcoming Minister's meetings
- Section 2: Short updates
- Section 3: Updates of Key Priorities

Helen Guissane
Manager, Governance and Accountability

Hon Grant Robertson
Minister of Finance

Upcoming Issues Briefing to the Minister of Finance Report

15 April 2021

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Proposed agenda items for Upcoming Minister Meetings

Proposed agenda items for upcoming Weekly Agency Meetings

Item	Description	Time (mins)	Minister's feedback
	<i>Time allows for one substantive item and short updates.</i>		
Meeting next week			
1.	CFI Responsible Investment Framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officials provided a second progress update on the Framework on 8 April 2021 [T2021/749 refers]. This presented that carbon neutral funds by 2025 is not feasible and promoted that a positive investment and influencing approach will be the most impactful objective for the CFIs. - You are meeting with the CFI Board Chairs at 5pm on 19 April 2021. We have provided an aide memoire to suggest an approach to this meeting. A short discussion at the weekly agency meeting could allow for you to clarify any of the key points within the advice. 	5 minutes	
	Communicating and advancing your economic work programme	15 minutes	
Upcoming meetings			
2.			

Proposed agenda items for upcoming Finance Priorities Meetings

Item	Description	Time (mins)	Minister's feedback
	<i>Time allows for 1-2 substantive items.</i>		
Meeting next week (20 April at 9am)			
1.	Budget Production Process	30 minutes	
Upcoming meetings			
2.	Climate Change Funding and Financing (6 May)		
3.	Fiscal Indicators Review (post Budget)		

UPCOMING DECISIONS

2. Key Upcoming Decisions

List of reports requiring decisions from the Minister by 30 April.

	Topic	Due Date	Purpose/Action	Deadline for MoF Action	Minister(s) – Primary audience	Team Name and Contact
1.	Ratepayer Financing Scheme advice	8 April	This paper provides advice on the Ratepayer Financing Scheme developed by Cameron Partners for LGNZ, to be discussed at the (yet to be scheduled) Central-Local Government Forum.	15 April	Minister of Finance	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
2.	The Treasury's response to the OAG's report on COVID-19 expenditure (T2021/365 refers)	13 April	This paper seeks agreement to material on the allocation of CRRF to be published on the Treasury's website. It will show, at a high level, how CRRF has been allocated. This information has not been made public previously. The paper also seeks agreement to the timeframe for releasing this information, along with the timeframe for releasing information on COVID-19 expenditure.	19 April	Minister of Finance	Strategic Performance Improvement Megan Taylor [39] Jenny Smith [39]
3.	Delegation of authority to the Minister of Defence to approve certain indemnities and guarantees	14 April	This paper seeks Joint Ministers' agreement to recommend that the Prime Minister renews an existing delegation of authority to the Minister of Defence to give indemnities and guarantees for certain Defence activities and purchases, rather than these needing to be considered by the Minister of Finance. The Treasury has no concerns with the proposal.	19 April	Minister of Finance Minister of Defence	Justice, Security and Government Services Hamish Coghill [39]
4.	Budget 2021 Production Process	16 April	This report covers the Budget 2021 production process, including what key products will be produced and their scope. This paper also provides a skeleton structure of the Budget 2021 wellbeing document.	20 April	Minister of Finance	Budget Management Simon Duncan [39] Gerald Lee [35]
5.	CFI Responsible Investment Framework (Report 2)	8 April	This paper provides advice on the best practice approach to achieving carbon neutrality from the Crown's investment funds and discusses the feasibility of achieving this within the ambition set for the public sector carbon neutral programme.	21 April	Minister of Finance Minister for ACC	Financial Institutions Joseph Sant [39]
6.	Tui Oil Field Decommissioning – Grant indemnity to MBIE for Request for Proposals process	19 April	This paper seeks approval to grant the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) the ability to include knock for knock indemnities in the draft contracts for providers to carry out Stage Three of decommissioning of Tui Oil Field.	21 April	Minister of Finance	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Ashley Stuart [39] Jean Le Roux [35]

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7.	Indemnity Extension Request: ACC Cover for Staff at International Financial Institutions	15 April	This paper seeks agreement to extend an existing indemnity (signed in 2018) providing ACC-equivalent cover to staff posted offshore. This indemnity is now limited to our staff working at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank (WBG) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) and their dependants. In 2019, amending legislation came into force for the majority of staff members previously covered under this indemnity, however for technical reasons, our staff at the IMF, WBG and ADB are not eligible for ACC cover. Given this very small group, the Crown's financial exposure is expected to be very low.	22 April	Minister of Finance	International Rebecca Mountfort [39]
8.	Indemnity Request from MFAT on behalf of Pacific countries to vaccine manufacturers	22 April	This report seeks approval to providing an indemnity to vaccine manufacturers on behalf of Pacific countries.	26 April	Minister of Finance	International Maisie Thursfield [39]
9.	Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020 – Pipeline and enabling decisions	15 April	This report provides updates on the transaction pipeline Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) has developed for the Infrastructure Funding and Financing (IFF) tool and seeks agreement to use \$50 million from the existing CIP appropriation more flexibly to progress IFF transactions.	28 April	Minister of Finance	Housing & Urban Growth John Beaglehole [39]
10.	Indemnity Request from MFAT for offshore staff unable to obtain personal insurance	22 April	This report seeks approval to providing an indemnity to MFAT for offshore staff (and their families) who are unable to obtain personal insurance in certain countries.	29 April	Minister of Finance	International Maisie Thursfield [39]
11.	Integrity of the 39% top personal tax rate	22 April	This paper reports back to Joint Ministers of Finance and Revenue on measures to mitigate integrity risks associated with companies, trusts and PIEs to support the new top personal tax rate. The report also seeks confirmation of a work programme and timeframes to implement the integrity measures, noting the integrity work is included in the draft Tax Policy Work Programme for Joint Ministers' approval.	29 April	Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Daniel White [35]
12.	Tax Policy Work Programme	22 April	This report proposes the set up of an 18 months Tax Policy Work Programme (TPWP) for Joint Ministers of Finance and Revenue. Its approval would align with the Revenue Strategy. The report highlights key trade-offs for prioritising work programmes within the TPWP and proposes options to publish the TPWP.	29 April	Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Daniel White [35]
13.	Improving strategic thinking and planning (T2021/571 refers)	Week of 19 April	This paper provides an update on the 2019/20 strategic planning pilots and outlines a proposal for a new approach in 2021.	End of April	Minister of Finance	Strategic Performance Improvement Megan Taylor [39] David Do [39]

UPDATES

3. Updates to Key Priorities

Updates on issues that relate to key priorities identified by the Minister.

Priority Area	State of Play	Upcoming Advice	Minister's Feedback																								
COVID-19 response	<p>Business support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 12 April, the Treasury provided the Minister of Finance with advice on settings for the Resurgence Support Payment (RSP) and Wage Subsidy Scheme (WSS), responding to feedback from the business community on these schemes [T2021/775 refers]. This report advised that a rule change to the RSP would better support small businesses that are members of commonly-owned groups. We estimate this to be within the current fiscal forecasts for the RSP, however there are some uncertainties on potential scale of impact as well as heightened gaming risks. The Treasury is seeking agreement to consult the business community on our proposed option before finalising advice on changing the rules by the end of April. Applications for the RSPMAR21 closed on Monday 12 April. The table below provides data on the uptake of the two activations of the RSP. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Uptake of the Resurgence Support Payment (as of 7:00am 13 April)</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>RSPFEB21</th> <th>RSPMAR21</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Number of applications received</td> <td>45,432</td> <td>33,922</td> <td>79,354</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total amount applied for</td> <td>\$122.11m</td> <td>\$96.25m</td> <td>\$218.36m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average amount applied for</td> <td>\$2,687.77</td> <td>\$2,837.25</td> <td>\$2,751.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total disbursed to date (as of 1:00pm 13 April)</td> <td>\$109.84m</td> <td>\$88.11m</td> <td>\$197.94m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of Friday 2 April, 52,020 WSSMAR21 applications had been approved and \$176.496 million disbursed. <p>Commercial leases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Treasury understands that the paper on resolving COVID-19 commercial lease disputes is on hold and, in response to the Minister of Finance's feedback, we are engaging with MOJ on the option of deemed clauses in legislation. The Treasury has previously provided suggested feedback for Ministerial consultation proposing that MOJ undertake wider consultation, as anecdotal evidence suggests that rent continues to be an issue for businesses. The paper had previously sought agreement that Government intervention in commercial leases is no longer desirable, and to discontinue the voluntary mediation and arbitration service for commercial lease disputes. It also sought to return \$19 million of unspent funding to the centre, but we understand the Minister of Justice is now seeking to retain this in order to fund other priorities. 	Uptake of the Resurgence Support Payment (as of 7:00am 13 April)					RSPFEB21	RSPMAR21	Total	Number of applications received	45,432	33,922	79,354	Total amount applied for	\$122.11m	\$96.25m	\$218.36m	Average amount applied for	\$2,687.77	\$2,837.25	\$2,751.67	Total disbursed to date (as of 1:00pm 13 April)	\$109.84m	\$88.11m	\$197.94m	<p>Business support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Report T2021/775: Responding to feedback from the business community on the COVID-19 resurgence schemes – sent 12 April. 	
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<p>COVID-19 response (continued)</p>	<p>Immunisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Prime Minister has publicly stated that by the end of April, all unvaccinated border/MIQ workers will be redeployed to lower-risk roles. The Treasury understands the Minister for COVID-19 Response intends to take a paper to Cabinet (previously intended for 12 April, but a new date is to be confirmed in light of the Prime Minister's announcement) giving legislative backing for this expectation by seeking to amend the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 to enable the Minister to require that certain high risk roles only be carried out by vaccinated workers. The paper will also propose introducing minimum statutory "redundancy" compensation entitlements to any worker performing those roles whose employment is terminated because the worker can or will not be vaccinated (and where they cannot be redeployed to another role). The Treasury previously advised against introducing amendments given the small scale of the problem (vaccination uptake for border workers is already high), the limited benefit of the intervention, and the risks to social license. We have also flagged the potential flow-on impacts of the proposed redundancy compensation to the wider Government-funded sector and wider economy. There are now very tight timeframes for drafting and considering legislation, which increases the likelihood of integrity issues. <p>Borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The all-of-government border strategy sprint project completed its deliverable on Wednesday 31 March. We understand that the Prime Minister and Minister Hipkins have received an update on the work. The next stages of this work are still to be confirmed, as is the process for engaging a wider set of Ministers. The Treasury's focus remains on helping to agree the programme of work and the co-ordination of modelling work that will help to inform judgements on border decisions. Officials have received some initial results on the vaccine roll-out and border opening interface, which will inform advice. Two-way quarantine-free travel with Australia will commence at 11:59pm on 18 April. This is expected to free up a maximum of 1,000-1,300 MIQ rooms per fortnight. The Minister for COVID-19 Response will report back to Cabinet on Monday 19 April with further advice on the implications for MIQ capacity. 		

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Wellbeing approach	<p>Public Finance System Modernisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [33] <p>Strategic thinking and planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next week the Minister of Finance will receive a report asking to send letters to nine Ministers. The letters ask these Ministers to use some general expectations for strategic planning in their future conversations with agencies. These 13 agencies have strategic intentions (Statement of Intent) due by 30 June 2022. <p>Ensuring Delivery – No updates since 18 March</p> <p>Budget Policy Statement and Long-term insights briefing – No updates since 11 February</p> <p>Living Standards Framework Refresh – No change from last week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second volume of the OECD report <i>How Was Life?</i> was released on 25 March 2021, following on from the first volume released in 2014. The report gives detailed information on worldwide trends in well-being and inequality since 1820 across nine indicators, including educational achievement, biodiversity and gender inequality. The high-level finding is that average well-being has increased worldwide and well-being inequality has fallen overall, despite episodes of rising income inequality. New Zealand is not referenced in the report. Engagement on the Living Standards Framework refresh continues. This week includes a roundtable discussion on the potential changes with Arthur Grimes, Girol Karacaoglu, Conal Smith, Paul Dalziel and Caroline Saunders. <p>Child Poverty and Vulnerable Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Treasury is working on updated Child Poverty projections. Timelines are dependent on Stats NZ release dates which have not yet been confirmed. We intend to provide you with updated analysis at the start of next week. 	<p>Public Finance System Modernisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice on the process for Cluster spending reviews, priority setting and Budget 2022, as part of implementing public finance modernisation – due Week of 19 April. <p>Strategic thinking and planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the Treasury's revised approach to improving strategic thinking and planning in 2021, and update on the 2019/20 strategic planning pilots – due Week of 19 April. 	

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Climate change mitigation and adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 23 March the Minister of Finance joined the Climate Ministers' Response Group meeting that discussed the timeline and scope of the Government's Emission Reduction Plan to be confirmed before the end of 2021. The Ministry for the Environment is now preparing a Cabinet Paper confirming those directions, due to CBC on 19 April. Following the Minister of Finance meeting with the Minister for Climate Change on 10 March, officials will work towards preparing a Joint Cabinet paper on a strategic framework for the funding and financing of the climate transition, currently scheduled for DEV on 19 May. The shape and focus of this paper will be significantly determined by the final decisions on the Budget 2021 climate package. Cabinet has decided to bring the policy development of the Climate Adaptation and Managed Retreat into the ambit of the Ministerial Oversight Group (MOG) on Resource Management Reform. The Treasury will engage with the development of the policy framework through that process and provide briefing to you as required before major decisions are sought from the MOG and Cabinet. 		
Health reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A public announcement is planned for the morning of Wednesday 21 April. A Cabinet paper on the proposals for the new system operating model was agreed at Cabinet on 29 March, and the funding for the initial phases of reform was agreed through the Budget Cabinet paper on 12 April. A Senior Officials Group meeting occurred 13 April, with a focus on discussion transition risks and the forward work programmes. We understand a Ministers Oversight Group meeting is possibly also being scheduled ahead of reform announcements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice has been commissioned from the Minister of Health to the Ministry of Health, the DPMC Transition Unit, and Treasury on managing DHB financial performance through transition – due 16 April. 	
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Treasury is working with your office to determine on which date the Transmission Gully Interim Review Report and the related Transmission Gully COVID-19 Proactive Release will be published. On 21 April you will be meeting with Te Waihangā to discuss your feedback on their 30-year infrastructure strategy consultation document, before its planned launch on 6 May. The Treasury expects that the Minister of Finance will receive the IRG Tranche 10 Approval Report from CIP on 28 April. The Treasury is working with the Ministry of Transport to finalise the arrangements for the appointment of the independent Chair for the City Centre to Mangere Establishment Unit Board. 		
Housing	<p>Supply Measures</p> <p>The Treasury is supporting the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) officials as they report back on further details of the infrastructure fund, including alignment with existing infrastructure processes and ongoing collective Ministerial oversight across central Government alignment. That process will involve officials from a number of agencies, including Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) and the Infrastructure Commission: Te Waihangā. The Treasury views are only being partially incorporated into the advice; we remain hopeful that we can reach agreement on the need to align and coordinate Crown investment across different funding streams, and on the nature and scope of projects that are eligible for funding. We have signalled to MHUD that we may need to provide separate advice if that does not occur.</p>	<p>Supply Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Treasury is supporting officials at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) as they prepare advice on the high-level design of the infrastructure fund. 	

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Housing (continued)	<p>Tax Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government has extended the bright-line test to 10 years and will consult on the policy to limit the interest deductions available for income earned from residential property. <p>Resource Management Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An exposure draft, accompanying material, and select committee inquiry information is expected to go to the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee on 20 May. Upcoming decisions include a decision making plan, public participation, and the role and meaning of Te Mana o te Taiao in resource management. Ministerial subgroups will be set up to help land decisions and support the ministerial oversight group process. <p>Budget 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The housing Budget package was agreed at Cabinet on Monday 12 April. Alternative recommendations were tabled for the Investing in Māori Housing initiative. All other initiatives were agreed unchanged. These decisions are now being reflected in the estimates for Vote Housing and Urban Development and Vote Building and Construction. <p>Proactive release</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials from the Treasury, MHUD and IR are working to finalise a proposed proactive release. There are a number of OIAs (to ministers and agencies) covering the same material, so we are preparing the proactive release in light of that. 	<p>Tax Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials will develop a consultation document on interest deductibility and remaining issues regarding the bright-line test. <p>Resource Management Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A draft cabinet paper proposing RMA amendments to speed up plan changes that incorporate requirements from the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and apply a minimum density residential zone – due late April/early May. Draft papers for the next RM reform Ministerial Oversight Group on topics including plan decision making, incorporating Te ao Māori including matauranga Māori and Three-waters governance – due late April. 	

4. Regular Updates

Lists regular dashboards and other updates the Minister is provided.

	Topic	Due Date	Purpose/Action	Deadline for MoF Action (if any)	Minister(s)	Team Name and Contact
1.	Fiscal Calculator	Regular – Every Friday before Cabinet	This report summarises the fiscal implications of papers to be considered by Cabinet or Cabinet Committees the following week and includes summary information on the remaining balances of the Between-Budget Contingency (BBC), the Budget 2021 operating allowance, and the multi-year capital allowance, as well as the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF). An updated tracker of CRRF charges is provided alongside the fiscal calculator each week that a new charge has been recorded.		Minister of Finance	Budget Management Tom Hall, Manager [39] Simon Duncan [39]
2.	Weekly Economic Update publication	Every Thursday 15 April; 22 April; 29 April.	This report provides Ministers with updates and relevant information regarding select companies and entities monitored by the Treasury.	Each Friday morning 9 – published on Treasury website by 12pm each Friday	Minister of Finance	Forecasting Nairn MacGibbon [39]
3.	Commercial Performance State of Play	Fortnightly (next report on 21 April)	This report provides Ministers with updates and relevant information regarding select companies and entities monitored by the Treasury.		Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods) Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises (Hon Dr David Clark)	Commercial Performance Alice Courtney [39] Shelley Hollingsworth [39] Maureena van der Lem [39]

UPCOMING PAPERS

5. Upcoming Cabinet Papers

List of all upcoming Cabinet papers that Treasury is aware of.

	Ministerial Portfolio (and lead agency)	Title/topic	Treasury View	Due at Cabinet Committee/Cabinet	Team Name and Contact
1.	Energy and Resources (Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment)	Phase-Out of the Low Fixed Charge Tariff Regulations	<p>This paper seeks agreement to phase out low fixed charge tariff regulations over a period of three years, before finally revoking the regulations. This will likely reduce electricity bills for around 65% of households and remove current disincentives to the uptake of electric vehicles. The Treasury supports this paper.</p> <p>This policy may increase electricity bills for a significant number of low-use, low-income households. We consider that targeted support is particularly important for this group. We are working with Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to ensure that the Cabinet paper considers this issue further.</p>	DEV 14 April	<p>Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development</p> <p>Taylor Farr [35]</p> <p>Jean Le Roux [35]</p>
2.	Local Government (Department of Internal Affairs)	Community Resilience Programme – report back and future focus	<p>This paper reports back on progress in the community resilience work programme and seeks agreement to further policy work in a number of areas. The Treasury supports this paper.</p>	DEV 14 April	<p>Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development</p> <p>Patrick Kirkham [39]</p> <p>Udayan Mukherjee [35]</p>
3.	Economic Development (Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment)	Shaping the Crown's approach to the New Zealand screen sector	<p>This paper fulfils the report-back requirement on the fiscal sustainability of the SPG but does not make concrete commitments concerning fiscal control of the grant – The Treasury would favour a stronger approach. The Treasury supports this paper, though we consider there to be considerable fiscal sustainability issues inherent in the current design of the Screen Production Grants.</p>	DEV 14 April	<p>Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development</p> <p>Tayla Forward [35]</p> <p>Jean Le Roux [35]</p>
4.	Finance (The Treasury)	<p>Reserve Bank Act Review – Deposit Takers Bill (suite of four papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • Prudential Framework • Deposit Insurance • Crisis Management 	<p>These papers provide an overview, and also three detailed decision papers that seek agreement to a set of recommendations. The recommendations design a new prudential framework for deposit taking institutions alongside a strengthened crisis management regime and introduce deposit insurance.</p>	<p>DEV 14 April</p> <p>CAB 19 April</p>	<p>Reserve Bank Act Review</p> <p>Tamiko Bayliss [39]</p> <p>Chris Hunt [39]</p>

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5.	Finance - residual liabilities (The Treasury)	Stockton Mine - Acid Mine Drainage Project (AMD)	This paper proposes an approach to go to market to seek potential solutions to AMD treatment. The Crown has a 100 year plus liability at Stockton. An Alternative AMD treatment solution is crucial to manage this liability. Cabinet has the ultimate decision on the most appropriate alternative AMD treatment solution for Stockton. We are currently preparing to go to market for potential solutions and require the noting of Cabinet on the proposed approach to ensure that any additional requirements are captured up front and following the conclusion of an EOI process, an alternative can be agreed by Cabinet. The Treasury views this step as crucial to the success of the project.	ENV 15 April	Commercial Performance Amanda Wilson [39] Maureena van der Lem [39]
6.	Energy and Resources (Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment)	Updating Energy Efficiency Regulatory System for Products and Services: Agreement to Consult	This paper seeks agreement to release a public consultation document on proposals to enhance the energy efficiency regulatory system for products and services. The Treasury will not provide further briefing on this paper. The Treasury supports this paper.	ENV 15 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development George Wibberley [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
7.	Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety (Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment)	Fair Pay Agreements: Approval to draft legislation	This paper seeks agreement to the key features of the Fair Pay Agreement (FPA) system, which would enable employees and employers in an industry or occupation to bargain new minimum standards. We have provided early advice to your office on changes to the system that would improve the likelihood of success and better control fiscal costs. The final paper has not addressed our concerns. The Treasury recommends that the Ministers seek changes to the proposal so that prioritisation and targeting of workforces can occur. These changes will increase the likelihood of successful FPA delivery, better manage and phase-in fiscal costs and reduce the risk that the FPA system will exceed its capacity to progress and deliver agreements.	CAB 19 April	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39] Shannon Tyler [39]
8.	Climate Change (Ministry for the Environment)	Scope, Process, Timeframes and Accountability for Delivering the Emissions Reduction Plan in 2021	This paper seeks agreement to complete the ERP by the end of 2021, establish the sequence of decisions that will be required in the interim, and assign responsibility to Ministers and Departments for particular areas of work. The Treasury supports this paper; however, we note that in its current drafting it suggests that the first chapter of the ERP will be the LT-LEDS, rather than forming a part of the LT-LEDS. This contrasts with what was agreed to by Climate Ministers on Tuesday 23 March. It also risks shifting the ERP away from its statutory focus on meeting New Zealand's domestic emissions budgets. We have provided this feedback to MfE and MoF, as the Ministerial Consultation period is open until 14 April.	CBC 19 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Tom Wilson [35] Udayan Mukherjee [35]
9.	Arts, Culture and Heritage (Ministry of Culture and Heritage)	Government Indemnity of Touring Exhibitions Scheme: Applications for Exhibitions in 2021 and 2022	This paper seeks agreement to temporarily lift the standard limits of the Government Indemnity of Touring Exhibitions Scheme over 2021 and 2022. This would enable indemnification of two exhibitions scheduled to be shown in New Zealand at Te Papa and City Gallery Wellington. The Treasury has no concerns with this paper.	CBC 19 April	Justice, Security and Government Services Tim Roper [39]

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10.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	Considering the length of the parliamentary term – cross-party and public engagement	This paper seeks agreement to undertake cross-party and public engagement to gauge attitudes towards increasing the length of the parliamentary term. We understand that the \$4 million cost of this proposal would be funded within Ministry of Justice baselines. The Treasury has no concerns with this paper.	CBC 19 April	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]
11.	[33]				
12.	Transport (Ministry of Transport)	Discussion document: 'Hīkina te Kohupara – Transport Emissions, Pathways to Net Zero by 2050'	This paper seeks approval to release a discussion document to undertake targeted engagement on the challenges and opportunities in creating a zero emission transport system over the next three decades. The Treasury supports the release of the document for public consultation.	CBC 19 April	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
13.	Transport (Ministry of Transport)	Sustainable Transport Biofuels Mandate – proposed design for public consultation	This paper seeks agreement to the release of a public consultation document introducing the preferred design for a domestic sustainable transport biofuels mandate, with a report back to Cabinet by September 2021. The Treasury supports the release of a public consultation document but does not support introduction of a biofuels mandate. It is unclear what the supply-side impacts of a mandate would be and how this aligns with the approach to decarbonisation of the energy and transport sectors more generally.	CBC 19 April	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
14.	Transport (Ministry of Transport)	COVID-19 – Review of the Essential Transport Connectivity (ETC) scheme	This paper seeks approval to continue the ETC but with revised eligibility criteria. The Treasury is still forming its view on this paper.	DEV 5 May	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
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16.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	Prohibiting the use of gay conversion therapy	This paper seeks approval for the proposed scope of a prohibition on the use of gay conversion therapy in New Zealand so that the Ministry of Justice can urgently progress drafting of the Bill. The paper signals that an estimated \$1.5 million per annum may be required to implement the proposed scope, however, the financial implications will be confirmed when final approval to submit the Bill is sought. Treasury has no concerns with this paper.	SWC 5 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]

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17.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	Preventing Incitement of Hatred: Release of Discussion Document	This paper seeks approval to release a discussion document reviewing the provisions that protect against hate speech in the Human Rights Act 1993. Costs associated with the release of the document and community engagement will be met within the Ministry of Justice's baselines. Future policy proposals arising from this work may have financial implications. The Treasury has no concerns with this paper.	SWC 5 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]
18.	Transport (Ministry of Transport)	Maritime Transport (MARPOL VI) Amendment Bill	This paper seeks approval from Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) to the introduction of the Maritime Transport (MARPOL VI) Amendment Bill, and referral to the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee for consideration. The Treasury is still forming its view on this paper.	LEG 6 May	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
19.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism: Regulations Reform Package	This paper seeks authorisation for submission to the Executive Council of four Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Amendment Regulations, which aim to ensure the strength and workability of the AML/CFT regime. The Treasury has no concerns with this paper.	LEG 6 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]
20.	Treaty Negotiations (Te Arawhiti)	Ngāti Maru Claims Settlement Bill	This paper seeks approval to introduce the Ngāti Maru Claims Settlement Bill into the House. The treasury has not yet seen a draft but expect to have no concerns with this paper.	LEG 6 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Hamish Coghill [39]
21.	Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri paper)	Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust: Resolution of the perpetual lease issues relating to Whakarewa lands in Motueka	[38]	MCR 11 May	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
22.	Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri paper)	Māori Purposes Bill draft Cabinet Paper	[33]	MCR 11 May	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
23.	Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri paper)	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Next Steps for a Declaration Plan	This paper seeks agreement to further progress the development of a national plan to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We will not provide advice on this paper. The Treasury supports this paper.	MCR 11 May	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
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25.	Internal Affairs (Department of Internal Affairs)	New Zealand Inc. Offshore Network: Changes to overseas representation by the Department of Internal Affairs	This paper seeks approval for changes to the Department of Internal Affairs international footprint, in respect of the proposed closure of the Department's Sydney Passport Office. The Treasury is still considering the paper but expect to have no concerns with the proposal.	ERS 11 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Ben Quilter [39]
26.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	Adoption in New Zealand: Discussion document for approval	This paper seeks approval for the public release of a discussion document (and supplementary summary document) on adoption law reform in Aotearoa. The Treasury is still forming its view on this paper.	SWC 12 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]
27.	Corrections (Department of Corrections)	Ex gratia payments to prisoners and staff who lost personal property as a result of the Waikeria incident	This paper seeks agreement for Corrections to make ex gratia payments to prisoners and Corrections staff who lost personal property as a result of the incident at Waikeria Prison from 29 December 2020 to 3 January 2021. Payments are expected to total approximately \$1.35 million and would exclude the 17 prisoners who have been charged in relation to the incident. These payments will be funded within Corrections' baseline through reprioritisation. The Treasury has no concerns with this paper.	SWC 12 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Katie Neate [39]
28.	Internal Affairs (Department of Internal Affairs)	Proposal to initiate a broad review of the New Zealand media content regulatory system	This paper seeks agreement to initiate a broad review of New Zealand's media content regulatory system and for the Department of Internal Affairs to engage with targeted stakeholders on the scope of the review. The Treasury has no comments on the proposed review.	SWC 12 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Ben Quilter [39]
29.	Internal Affairs (Department of Internal Affairs)	Introducing a self-identification process to recognise gender on birth certificates	This paper seeks agreement to introduce a self-identification process to enable a person's gender to be recognised on their birth certificate. The Minister of Internal Affairs also seeks authority to make minor and technical decisions on the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill. The Treasury is still considering the paper but expect to have no concerns with the proposal.	SWC 12 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Ben Quilter [39]
30.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	Harmful Digital Communications (Appointment of Approved Agency) Order 2021	This paper seeks approval to submit the Harmful Digital Communications (Appointment of Approved Agency) Order (the Order) 2021 to the Executive Council. Under this Order, NetSafe would be appointed for a second five-year term as the Approved Agency to help prevent harm from digital communications. The Treasury has no concerns with the paper.	LEG 12 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]
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32.	Defence (New Zealand Defence Force)	Consolidated Logistics Project: Linton Maintenance Support Facility	This paper seeks approval for the construction of a Maintenance Support Facility at Linton Base as part of the infrastructure component of the Consolidate Logistics Project. The \$47.066 million capital cost of the Facility are being funded from NZDF's balance sheet, and \$1.059 million per annum operating funding is being sought from the remaining balance of the tagged contingency established for Defence investments at Budget 2020. The Treasury is still forming its view on this paper.	GOV 13 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Hamish Coghill [39]
33.	Defence (New Zealand Defence Force)	Enterprise Productivity Business Case	This paper seeks approval to invest in a range of software and hardware to improve the productivity and effectiveness of NZDF personnel. While the [33] costs over five years are being funded from within existing baselines, Cabinet approval is required due to this investment's scale and risk. The Treasury is still forming its view on this paper.	GOV 13 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Sara Hames [39]
34.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	Security Information in Proceedings Bill: Approval for Introduction	This paper seeks approval to introduce the Security Information in Proceedings Bill, which would reform how security information is dealt with in civil, criminal and administrative proceedings. The treasury has not yet seen a draft but expect to have no concerns with this paper.	LEG 20 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]
35.	Customs (New Zealand Customs Service)	Annual indexation annual increase in alcohol excise duty rates	This paper seeks agreement to increase alcohol excise duty rates in line with CPI. This is an annual exercise following the release of the CPI by Statistics New Zealand, expected on 21 April. The treasury has not yet seen a draft but expect to have no concerns with this paper.	LEG 20 May	Justice, Security and Government Services Katie Neate [39]
36.	[38]				
37.	Local Government (Department of Internal Affairs)	Rates Rebate (Specified Amounts) Order 2021	This paper seeks agreement to adjust the income abatement threshold and maximum rates rebate amount to reflect consumer price index inflation. This is a routine adjustment made annually [Cab Min (08) 14/1(32) refers], and the costs will be met from the existing Rates Rebate Scheme Appropriation. The Treasury has no concerns with this paper.	LEG 10 June	Justice, Security and Government Services Michael Lonergan [39]
38.	Customs (New Zealand Customs Service)	Approving increase to Border Clearance Levy Rates	This paper seeks agreement to introduce new Border Clearance Levy Rates. Public consultation is currently underway regarding the proposed new rates. The treasury has not yet seen a draft but expect to have no concerns with this paper.	LEG 8 July	Justice, Security and Government Services Katie Neate [39]
39.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	Reforms to the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009 to better target illicit assets	This paper seeks approval to amend the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009 to give courts new powers to respond more effectively to transnational and organised criminal offending. Treasury has no concerns with the paper.	SWC TBC	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]

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40.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	Repeal of the three strikes law	This paper seeks approval to repeal the three strikes law and introduce limited transitional arrangements for third strike offenders. The treasury has not yet seen a draft of this paper.	SWC TBC	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]
41.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	COVID-19: Report back on further work to resolve commercial lease disputes	This paper seeks agreement that Government intervention in commercial leases is no longer desirable, to discontinue the voluntary mediation and arbitration service for commercial lease disputes and return \$19 million of unspent funding to the centre. For Ministerial consultation, we suggested raising the need for the Ministry of Justice to carry out broader consultation with business to more definitively determine whether there is an ongoing requirement for Government intervention , as we understand rent costs continue to be of concern within the business community.	DEV TBC	Justice, Security and Government Services Katherine Skidmore [39]
42.	Minister of Immigration (Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment)	Immigration COVID-19 Response Bill - LEG paper and draft Bill	This paper seeks agreement to introduce a bill to extending the duration of the special COVID-19 Immigration powers (and regulations) by two years and extending the maximum duration of any regulations suspending certain classes of offshore applications to six months. The Treasury has no concerns with this paper.	LEG TBA	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]
43.	The Earthquake Commission (The Treasury)	Modernising the Earthquake Commission Act: Raising the EQC cap	This paper recommends raising the EQC Cap (which is currently \$150,000 (plus GST)). We understand that the Minister's preferred EQC cap in the paper is likely to be \$300,000 (plus GST) and the other options included in the paper will be \$250,000 (plus GST) and \$380,000 (plus GST) (a proxy for the average cost of rebuilding a home). Treasury recommended an EQC Cap of \$200,000 (plus GST), however we acknowledge there is no perfect level of EQC cap and there are trade-offs to be made at different levels.	Ministerial consultation likely to begin 3 May	Financial Markets Siobhan Duncan [39] Dasha Leonova [39]

6. Other Upcoming Reports

List of upcoming reports over a three weeks period, from 12 April – 30 April not covered above.

	Topic	Due Date	Purpose/Action	Deadline for MoF Action (if any)	Minister(s) – Primary Audience	Team Name and Contact
1.	Electricity Corporation of New Zealand	12 April	This paper provides further information on the wind up of the Electricity Corporation of New Zealand.	None	Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Aaron Gill ^[39] Maureena van der Lem ^[39]
2.	Communicating and advancing your economic work programme [T2021/117]	13/14 April	This report responds to the Minister of Finance request for advice on framing and progressing the Government's economic strategy, including an illustrative framework that places the Government's 5-Point recovery plan within a wider wellbeing framework. The report also includes a proposal for helping you to continue progressing the economic work programme towards your priorities.	None	Minister of Finance	Economic Strategy Mario DiMaio ^[39] Tim Maddock ^[39]
3.	[33]					
4.	MetService	14 April	This paper provides the background and recent developments relating to the activities of MetService and NIWA in the weather forecasting market. Minister Clark has commissioned this advice after meeting the Chair and CE of MetService on 11 March 2021.	None	Minister of Finance Minister of State Owned Enterprises Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods)	Commercial Performance Alice Courtney ^[39] Shelley Hollingsworth ^[39]
5.	NZ Post	15 April	This paper provides background information on NZ Post, to inform Hon Dr Megan Woods in her new role as shareholding Minister of NZ Post. It covers relevant issues and areas of monitoring focus.	None	Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods)	Commercial Performance Alice Courtney ^[39] Shelley Hollingsworth ^[39]
6.	Meeting with Te Waihanga on the 30-year Infrastructure Strategy Consultation launch	15 April	This paper provides advice to support the Minister (in his capacity as Minister for Infrastructure) in his meeting with Te Waihanga on its planned 30-year infrastructure strategy consultation launch.	21 April	Minister for Infrastructure	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor ^[39]

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7.	Southern Response	15 April	This paper provides an update on the 12-14 April 2021 High Court hearing on procedural steps in the Ross class action.	None	Minister of Finance Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission	Legal & Commercial Performance Vincent Schumacher [39] Anthea Williams [35] Shelley Hollingsworth [39]
8.	Aide Memoire T2021/922 - Briefing for your meeting with Calm the Farm	15 April	This paper provides background information, to inform Minister Clark, on the 'Calm your Farm' initiative ahead of his meeting with them on 22 April.	None	Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Amanda Wilson [39] Maureena van der Lem [39]
9.	Fiscal Strategy Report – First Draft	15 April	This paper provides an early first skeleton draft on the fiscal strategy report focusing on the high-level narrative for comment. This paper also seeks feedback on the approach for the long-run projections.	20 April	Minister for Finance	Macroeconomics & Fiscal Policy Angus Hawkins [39]
10.	Clarifying the current approach to fiscal management of public sector pay equity settlements	15 April	This paper responds to questions from the Minister/Minister's Office regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Treasury's approach to estimating, managing, and disclosing the estimated fiscal cost of future pay equity settlements, and existing and potential fiscal management options. 	None	Minister of Finance	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39] Richard Baird [39]
11.	Management of DHB Performance During Transition	15 April	This paper provides advice on proposed arrangements to maintain performance of district health boards (DHBs) during the transition to a new health and disability system operating model, including proposed risk mitigation and management strategies.	21 April (ahead of Health Reform announcements)	Minister of Finance Minister of Health	Health Hanna Alder-Ovenden [35]
12.	NZ Post	Week of 12 April	This paper seeks agreement to the updated fees for the NZ Post Directors.	None	Associate Minister of Finance	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]
13.	TVNZ	Week of 12 April	This paper seeks agreement to the shortlisted candidates for the 2021 appointment round.	None	Minister of Finance Minister for Broadcasting	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]

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14.	Budget 2021 Vote Corrections: Appropriation Scope changes	Week of 12 April	This paper seeks Joint Ministerial approval of changes to Scope Statements included in the Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22 for Vote Corrections. The changes seek to more expressly align with Corrections' new operating model and are therefore more descriptive than previous scope statements.	None	Minister of Finance Minister of Corrections	Justice, Security and Government Services Katie Neate [39]
15.	[33]					
16.	Fieldays 2021 Underwrite	21 April	This report provides background on Fieldays proposal to Government and associated risks with considering an underwrite for the 2021 event. The Minister of Finance have requested advice from the Treasury on the possibility of providing an underwrite for the Fieldays 2021 event or a letter of comfort to reassure Fieldays that the Government would support them should the 2021 event in June be cancelled or disrupted.		Minister of Finance	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Ashley Stuart [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
17.	[33]					
18.	Review of Current Funding and Financing Arrangements for Kāinga Ora	22 April	This paper, from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, seeks agreement of Joint Ministers to either a \$1.2 billion increase in Kāinga Ora's external borrowing limit through to 30 June 2022, or for Kāinga Ora to borrow an equivalent amount from the Crown.	None	Minister of Finance Minister of Housing	Housing & Urban Growth John Beaglehole [39]
19.	BEFU 2021 Specific Fiscal Risks	22 April	This report outlines the Specific Fiscal Risks (SFRs) that will be published in the 2021 Budget Economic and Fiscal Update (BEFU) and will seek your agreement to exclude any risk(s) under section 26V of the Public Finance Act (PFA).	27 April	Minister of Finance	Budget Management Simon Duncan [39] David Kim [39]
20.	Cluster pilot as part of implementing Public Finance System reform	22 April	This paper seeks agreement to the process for Cluster spending reviews, priority setting and Budget 2022 as part of implementing Public Finance System reform.	6 May	Minister of Finance	System Design and Strategy Oliver Parsons [39]
21.	Launch of Te Ōhanga Māori 2018 - the Māori economy 2018 report	22 April	This paper provides a briefing and talking points for the launch breakfast at which you will be speaking.		Minister of Finance	Economic Policy Team Alastair Cameron [39] Morgan Hodgson [39]

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22.	Business Finance Guarantee Scheme ^[25]	22 April	This paper seeks approval in principle to ^[25]	27 April	Minister of Finance	BFGS Team Peter Rowe ^[39]
23.	Annotated Agenda for Joint Ministers Monthly Health Check Up	22 April	This paper provides briefing material for the Monthly Health Check Up. The focus of this meeting will be risks across the reform period, including within DHBs and through employment relations processes.	27 April (ahead of Monthly Health Check-Up)	Minister of Finance Minister of Health	Health Hanna Alder-Ovenden ^[35]
24.	Five finance Ministers' meeting	23 April	This paper provides talking points and background information for the five finance Ministers' meeting on 28 April. It includes a background note prepared by Australia ahead of the meeting.	28 April	Minister of Finance	International John-David Chaker ^[39]
25.	Request for Indemnity for NH90 Helicopter Industries	Week of 19 April	This paper seeks agreement to give an indemnity to NH90 Helicopter Industries as part of the contract for the block upgrade of NH90 the helicopter fleet approved by Cabinet in 2020 [CAB-20-MIN-0251 refers].	30 April	Minister of Finance	Justice, Security and Government Services Hamish Coghill ^[39]
26.	^[38]					
27.	Flexible loss carry back – policy decisions	27 April	This report responds to the Minister of Finance's request for advice on a 'flexible loss carry back' scheme that can be turned on and off in response to economic shocks. The report seeks agreement on whether to introduce such a scheme, the key design features, and notes that there is no fiscal cost until the scheme is activated.	Week of 3 May	Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Jessica Rowe ^[35]

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28.	Southern Response	29 April	This paper outlines likely timing of Court decisions and its implications on the delivery of the Crown-funded proactive package.	None	Minister of Finance Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission	Legal & Commercial Performance Vincent Schumacher [39] Anthea Williams [35] Shelley Hollingsworth [39]
29.	Speech at a Cooperative Business NZ event	29 April	This paper provides a briefing for the Minister of Finance's speech at the Cooperative Business NZ event on 4 May.	None	Minister of Finance	Economic Strategy Mario DiMaio [39] Tim Maddock [39]
30.	Overseas Investment Reform: Fresh and Seawater Areas Regulations	29 April	This report seeks agreement to amend the Overseas Investment Regulations to prescribe the process for the Crown acquisition of fresh and seawater areas (previously, 'special land').	TBC	Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker)	International Maisie Thursfield [39]
31.	Draft Budget Chapters	30 April	This report provides draft chapters for the Wellbeing Budget document, including the Summary of Initiatives.	3 May	Minister of Finance	Budget Management Simon Duncan [39] Gerald Lee [35]
32.	Landcorp - Waitangirua	30 April	This paper seeks agreement on the expectations associated with the proposed sale of a piece of land currently held under the Protected Land Agreement (PLA), but no longer required for treaty settlements, and provide a draft letter for Ministers to send to the Chair of Landcorp expressing these expectations (which is a requirement under the PLA).	Early-May	Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Amanda Wilson [39] Maureena van der Lem [39]
33.	Education Payroll	Week of 26 April	This paper seeks agreement to the recommended candidates for the EPL board.	None	Minister of Finance Minister of Education	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]
34.	Ngāti Pāoa Treaty settlement tax indemnity	Week of 26 April	This paper recommends the signing and witnessing of the signature pages of the Ngāti Pāoa Deed of Settlement to give effect to a tax indemnity. It also seeks agreement to present a statement to the House of Representatives as the value of the tax indemnity exceeds \$10 million.	3 May	Minister of Finance	Justice, Security and Government Services Michael Lonergan [39]

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35.	Advice on options to provide financial support to the Cook Islands (briefing prepared by MFAT)	TBC	This paper provides advice on the best form of support to the Cook Islands (grant vs loan funding), timeframes, and implications for the NZ aid program and the bilateral relationship. The report is being referred to you as the Minister of Finance.	TBC	Minister of Finance Minister of Foreign Affairs	International John-David Chaker [39]