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## Treasury Report: Upcoming Issues Briefing for the Minister - 18 March 2021

<b>Date:</b>	18 March	<b>Report No:</b>	T2021/675
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### Action sought

	<b>Action sought</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Hon Grant Robertson <b>Minister of Finance</b>	<p><b>Note</b> the contents of this briefing.</p> <p><b>Provide</b> feedback on the draft agenda for the Weekly Agency Meeting.</p> <p><b>Indicate</b> if you would like further information in relation to Section 2, item 1.</p>	None

### Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>1st Contact</b>
Hermano Pinto	Advisor, Governance and Accountability [39]	[35]	✓
Jordan Ward	Acting 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)

## Recommended Action

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We recommend that you:

- a **Note** the contents of the attached briefing.  
*Noted*
  
- b **Provide** any feedback you have on the following sections:
  - a) Section 1: Upcoming Minister's meetings
  - b) Section 2: Short Updates
  - c) Section 3: Updates of Key Priorities

In relation to Section 2, item 1:

- c **Indicate** if you would like an interim update regarding the final economic forecasts to be incorporated into Budget and Economic Fiscal Update 2021 at the agency meeting on 6 April.  
*Yes / No*
  
- d **Indicate** if you would like an interim update regarding the final tax forecasts to be incorporated into Budget and Economic Fiscal Update 2021 at the agency meeting on 12 of April.  
*Yes / No*

Jordan Ward  
**Acting Manager, Governance and Accountability**

Hon Grant Robertson  
**Minister of Finance**

## Upcoming Issues Briefing to the Minister of Finance Report

18 March 2021

### 1. Upcoming Minister Meetings

#### *Proposed agenda items for upcoming Weekly Agency Meetings*

Item	Description <i>Time allows for one substantive item and short updates</i>	Time	Minister's feedback
<b>Meeting next week</b>			
1.	Budget package and feedback on draft Budget Ministers 3 material	10 minutes	
2.	B21 Climate Package and approach to the Prime Minister's Climate Response Ministerial Group Meeting	5 minutes	
3.	Elimination strategy and border reopening	15 minutes	
<b>Upcoming meetings</b>			
4.	April: Discussion of final Economic and Tax Forecasts for BEFU 2021		

#### *Proposed agenda items for upcoming Finance Portfolio Meetings*

Item	Description <i>Time allows for 1-2 substantive items</i>	Time	Minister's feedback
<b>Meeting next week</b>			
1.	Auckland Light Rail (CC2M)	15 minutes	
	Resource Management Reform	15 minutes	
<b>Upcoming meetings</b>			
2.	Climate change investment Public Finance System reform Capital accounting treatment and the business case process KGH Housing Fiscal Indicators Review		

## 2. Short Updates

Information and process updates for the Minister. The Minister is to indicate if further information is required.

	Topic	Comment	Team Name and Contact	Recommendations and Minister's Feedback
1.	Economic and tax forecasts for BEFU 2021	<p>The TSY is planning to send you a TR on the final BEFU economic forecasts on 8 April and tax forecasts on 13 April. As agreed, we will also be sending you a short interim update on the near-final tax forecasts on 9 April ahead of Cabinet consideration of the Budget package on 12 April.</p> <p>We have any agency meeting session planned for 19 April to answer any questions on the forecasts. Please indicate if you would like an interim update on the economic forecasts at the agency meeting on 6 April and/or an interim update on the tax forecasts at the agency meeting on 12 April.</p>	<p>Forecasting Team</p> <p>Katy Simpson [39]</p>	<p><b>Indicate</b> if you would like an interim update regarding the final economic forecasts to be incorporated into Budget and Economic Fiscal Update 2021 at the agency meeting on 6 April.</p> <p><b>Indicate</b> if you would like an interim update regarding the final tax forecasts to be incorporated into Budget and Economic Fiscal Update 2021 at the agency meeting on 12 of April.</p>
2.	Future of Work Tripartite Forum meeting 22 March	<p>MBIE are coordinating material for the Future of Work Forum on 22 March which will be exclusively focussed on social unemployment insurance (SUI). Ministers have agreed to a high level design (which was taken to Cabinet 15 March) and the Forum will provide an opportunity for early feedback.</p>	<p>Skills and Work</p> <p>Nick Carroll [39]</p>	
3.	New Zealand Superannuation Fund Divestment of Israeli Banks	<p>We are providing a no surprises update that Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon Nanaia Mahuta has requested a briefing from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), which Treasury has been consulted on. This briefing describes, generically, the Government's, MFAT's and Treasury's roles in relation to the New Zealand Superannuation Fund's (NZSF) evaluation and decision-making in the context of understanding the NZSF's decision to divest from Israeli Banks. The Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon Nanaia Mahuta may seek to discuss this briefing with you.</p>	<p>Financial Institutions</p> <p>Joseph Sant [39]</p>	

### 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
<p><b>COVID-19 response</b></p>	<p><b>Business support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications for the first Resurgence Support Payment (RSPFEB21) will close on Monday 22 March and applications for the second Resurgence Support Payment (RSPMAR21) will close on Monday 12 April. Applications for the Wage Subsidy Scheme (WSSMAR21) will close on Sunday 21 March.</li> <li>• You have commissioned further advice on comparator periods and other settings for the Resurgence Support Payment and the Wage Subsidy Scheme. We expect to provide this advice to your office in the week commencing 12 April.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commercial leases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We understand that the Minister of Justice intends to take a paper on commercial leases to DEV on 24 March. This paper seeks approval to discontinue the voluntary mediation and arbitration service for commercial lease disputes and return \$19 million of unspent funding to the centre. The Treasury will provide comments on this paper in your briefing for the Cabinet Economic Development Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Childcare for essential workers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have been working with the Ministry of Education on a Joint Ministers paper on the funding mechanism and cost of an essential workers childcare scheme in the event of a move to Alert Level 4. Cabinet agreed [CAB-20-MIN-0531 refers] that you and the Minister of Education would agree the payment rate and funding mechanism. We understand that the estimated cost of a scheme would be \$5.04 million based on 20 childcare hours for 1,800 families over 4 weeks (and up to approximately \$7 million for the same period if 30 hours were offered). The funding mechanism for the scheme would depend on when a shift to Alert Level 4 took place – before 30 June 2021, the paper will recommend it be funded from the Early Learning Sustainability Fund, and it will recommend an in-principle expense transfer to fund a scheme taking place after 30 June 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>Immunisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 15 March the Ministers for COVID-19 Response and Workplace Relations &amp; Safety forwarded you a briefing on legislative/regulatory options to require specified high-risk roles at the border only be carried out by vaccinated workers. If Ministers agree to proceed with regulatory options, a Cabinet paper would need to be prepared (we understand this may be intended for CAB on 22 March or SWC on 24 March). <b>Treasury recommends Ministers do not progress further work on these levers</b> for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>The problem to be solved is very small, and regulatory levers do not substantively improve the issue.</b> Voluntary vaccination among border workers appears to have been high to date, and border/MIQ employers have already extensively redeployed staff where needed (which under employment law requires good faith conversation with employees regardless of whether unvaccinated workers are banned from specified roles).</li> <li>○ <b>There are significant risks</b>, including to ongoing social licence for the COVID-19 response should the regulation be perceived as unfair, illegal or unjust; and service delivery and workforce sustainability impacts particularly for skillsets that are difficult to backfill.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Business support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice on settings for the Resurgence Support Payment and Wage Subsidy Scheme – likely in the week commencing 12 April.</li> </ul> <p><b>Childcare for essential workers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint advice on childcare for essential workers – week of 15 March.</li> </ul>	

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<b>COVID-19 response (continued)</b>	<p><b>Borders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We understand that Minister Hipkins will take a paper to SWC on 24 March, which will provide an update on the elimination strategy and will also cover key strategic questions (notably the border opening pathway). We understand this paper may also propose that the newly formed COVID-19 Ministerial group would have responsibility for progressing key areas of work.</li> <li>DPMC and the Ministry of Health are coordinating the development of advice on the border strategy. Treasury is supporting this work. We are focused on agreeing the programme of work and sequencing of advice to support decisions, and through the co-ordination of modelling work inform judgements on key trigger points for border decisions.</li> <li>[1]</li> </ul>		

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<b>Wellbeing approach</b>	<p><b>Public Finance System reform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will be provided with advice on next steps for the cluster spending reviews, draft Terms of Reference, and priority setting in the week of 22 March. We are currently working with Justice cluster officials to develop these Terms of Reference for the cluster spending reviews.</li> <li>[33]</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic thinking and planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will receive a Treasury Report about improving strategic thinking and planning in April. After learning from the 2019/20 pilots, the paper proposes discontinuing those and seeks your endorsement and feedback on Treasury's proposed 2021 approach.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ensuring Delivery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This week Cabinet discussed the proposed list of projects for the IU to monitor.</li> <li>DPMC have commenced the process of recruiting staff for the Implementation Unit.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public Finance System reform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on next steps for the cluster spending reviews (week of 22 March)</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic thinking and planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report about improving strategic thinking and planning – due in April</li> </ul>	
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<b>Climate change mitigation and adaptation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After your meeting with Climate Budget Ministers on 16 March, you have asked the Treasury and agencies for further advice on implementation-ready initiatives that could be considered for addition to the current climate package for Budget 2021. This will be provided to you along with overall Budget advice on Friday 19 March.</li> <li>Following your 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 climate transition, currently scheduled for mid/late April 2021. The shape and focus of this paper will be significantly determined by the final decisions on the Budget 2021 climate package.</li> <li>Cabinet has decided to bring the policy development of the Climate Adaption 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 providing briefings to you as required before major decisions are sought from the MOG and Cabinet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice on implementation-ready initiatives that could be considered for addition to the current climate package for Budget 2021 to be provided with overall Budget advice – due on Friday 19 March.</li> <li>Joint Cabinet paper on a strategic framework for the funding and financing of climate transition – due on mid/late April 2021.</li> </ul>	
<b>Health reform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DPMC Transition Unit is planning to lodge the final Cabinet paper on the proposals for the new system operating model on Thursday 18 March, for SWC on 24 March.</li> <li>The Regulatory Strategy team has assessed the Impact Statement provided with the Cabinet paper as not meeting requirements and is working through options with the Transition Unit for resolving this.</li> <li>Following your request for further information, we have provided you with an Aide Memoire [T2021/651 refers] providing more detail on the funding sought for health and disability reform through Budget 2021. We will discuss this with you at the Finance Priorities Meeting on Thursday 18 March.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further advice on the Regulatory Impact Analysis process from the Regulatory Strategy team – due on 18 March.</li> </ul>	
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cabinet paper on the Transmission Gully Interim Review is expected to be lodged this week for consideration at DEV on 24 March. The Treasury is working with your office to determine on which date the Interim Review Report and the related Transmission Gully COVID-19 Proactive Release will be published.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Report about Proposed changes to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's short-term borrowing facility - due on 17 March.</li> <li>[33]</li> <li>Extension of the ADS-B Grant Scheme Application Timeframe - due on 25 March.</li> </ul>	
<b>Housing</b>	<p><b>Supply interventions related to housing affordability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cabinet has agreed to establish a Housing Acceleration Fund, comprising the Kāinga Ora Land Programme, Infrastructure Fund and changes to the Land for Housing programme.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tax Measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cabinet has agreed to two tax measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extending the bright-line test by 10 years</li> <li>Limiting the interest deductions available for income earned from residential property.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Announcements on these measures are planned for Tuesday 23 March.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supply interventions related to housing affordability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will engage you on further advice you may want to commission following on from CAB.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tax Measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communications pack to include a draft press release/talking points and fact sheets to go on the Beehive website. Ministers will also be provided back-pocket Q&amp;As – due prior to our press release.</li> </ul>	



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<b>Housing (continued)</b>	<p><b>Resource Management Reform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) will outline the proposed coverage of the Natural and Built Environment Bill exposure draft in a paper for Ministerial Oversight Group 4 meeting (MOG 4). This will leave Ministerial Oversight Group 5 meeting (MOG 5) in April for the remaining decisions ahead of a planned exposure draft in May 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eleven bids have been submitted directly relating to housing in Budget 2021. <sup>[33]</sup></li> </ul> <p>The three Māori housing initiatives across Vote Housing and Urban Development and Vote Māori Development will be withdrawn and replaced with a consolidated joint Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) and MHUD submission. Minister Woods will be providing you with further information on this in a week's time. MHUD, TPK and Treasury are working together on this submission. Cabinet has agreed that the Housing Acceleration Fund will be a charge against the CRIF. We are currently working through the opex and capex profile and how it will be reflected in the forecasts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Supplementary Order Paper – due if the bright-line extension is agreed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource Management Reform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further policy decisions for exposure draft; scope of inquiry and consultation material for MOG 5 (to be held in April) – due 5 March.</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice on the Treasury's recommendations regarding Minister Woods' further advice on the Kāinga Ora sustainable funding Budget initiative.</li> </ul>	

#### 4. Key Upcoming Decisions

List of reports requiring decisions from the Minister by 26 March.

	Topic	Timeframe	Purpose / action	Deadline for MoF Action	Minister(s) – Primary audience	Team Name and Contact
1.	CFI reappointments	15 March	This paper seeks agreement to reappoint members to Crown Finance Institutions and to begin consultation for APH on 14 April.	19 March	Minister of Finance	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]
2.	Project 20	17 March	This report provides the Minister of Finance with an update on discussions with the company and a draft item to table at Cabinet on 22 March 2021 to seek authority to increase an appropriation.	22 March	Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker)	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
3.	Package of advice on the Deposit Takers Act (DTA), including noting changes to draft recommendations	18 March	<p>This report provides you with draft versions of a set of Cabinet papers on the foundational aspects of a new prudential regime for deposit takers and the introduction of deposit insurance, and a draft of the supporting Regulatory Impact Assessment. Cabinet decisions will inform the drafting of a new Deposit Takers Bill which we anticipate introducing into the House late this year.</p> <p>This report identifies relevant changes to the draft set of Cabinet recommendations provided to you on 25 February, based on your decisions on several split recommendations in that advice, and arising from other subsequent policy decisions.</p> <p>In addition, this report describes the implementation pathway for the Deposit Takers Act, with a focus on the timeframes for implementation of the deposit insurance scheme.</p> <p>Set of Cabinet papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Regulatory Impact Assessment</li> <li>• DTA Cabinet paper – Overview (Paper 1 of 4)</li> <li>• DTA Cabinet paper – Prudential framework (Paper 2 of 4)</li> <li>• DTA Cabinet paper – Deposit insurance (Paper 3 of 4)</li> <li>• DTA Cabinet paper – Crisis management (Paper 4 of 4)</li> </ul>	22 March	Minister of Finance	Reserve Bank Act Review Team Tamiko Bayliss [39]
4.	Budget 2021: revised draft package and outline of Budget Ministers 3 material	19 March	This report seeks your agreement to the revised draft Budget 2021 package (which will incorporate decisions from Budget Ministers 2 and bilateral meetings). It will also attach the draft outline of material for Budget Ministers 3.	22 March: revised draft Budget 2021 package	Minister of Finance	Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39] (first contact)
5.	KiwiRail - drawdown request	11 March	This paper seeks agreement to an equity injection into KiwiRail.	23 March	Minister of Finance Minister of State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem 04 [39]

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Purpose / action</b>	<b>Deadline for MoF Action</b>	<b>Minister(s) – Primary audience</b>	<b>Team Name and Contact</b>
6.	National Provident Fund – Wind up of Cash Accumulation Scheme	18 March	This report seeks direction to wind up a scheme within the National Provident Fund to promote administrative efficiency.	23 March	Minister of Finance	Financial Institutions Joseph Sant [39]
7.	Tax indemnities for Ngāti Rangitahi and Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) deeds of settlement	16 March	This paper seeks agreement to sign and have witnessed the enclosed signature pages of the Ngāti Rangitahi and Ngāti Maru ki Taranaki deeds of settlement, to give effect to tax indemnities.	23 March	Minister of Finance	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
8.	Draft Budget Ministers 3 slide packs	24 March	This paper seeks your feedback on the draft Budget Ministers 3 slide pack by 25 March in order for the material to be finalised and sent to Budget Ministers on 26 March. The Budget Ministers 3 meeting will be held on 29 March and will finalise the Budget 2021 package that is presented to Cabinet.	25 March	Minister of Finance	Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39] (first contact)
9.	[33]					
10.	Extension of the ADS-B Grant Scheme Application Timeframe	17 March	This paper seeks approval to extend the timeframe for the Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast Grant Scheme, due to delays caused by COVID-19, and the associated appropriation impacts under CO (18)2.	week of 22 March	Minister of Finance Minister of Transport	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
11.	Proposed changes to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's short-term borrowing facility	25 March	This paper seeks decisions from Joint Ministers on the proposed changes to Waka Kotahi's short-term borrowing facility (to take effect from 1 July 2021) and to progress a Cabinet paper to seek Cabinet agreement to the policy proposal and the appropriation changes before Budget moratorium.	29 March	Minister of Finance Minister of Transport	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
12.	Final decisions on amendments to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Bill	25 March	This paper seeks final decisions on the detail of changes to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Bill under Cabinet delegation and provides a final draft of the Treasury's departmental report to FEC for feedback.	30 March	Minister of Finance	Reserve Bank Act Review Team Tamiko Bayliss [39]

## 5. Regular Updates

*Lists regular dashboards and other updates the Minister is provided.*

	Topic	Timeframe for Briefing	Purpose / Action	Deadline for MoF Action (if any)	Minister(s)	Treasury Team and Contact
1.	Fiscal Calculator	Every Friday before Cabinet	<p>The Fiscal Calculator 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).</p> <p>An updated tracker of CRRF charges is provided alongside the fiscal calculator each week that a new charge has been recorded.</p>		Minister of Finance	<p>Budget Management</p> <p>Tom Hall [39]</p> <p>Simon Duncan [39] (first contact)</p>
2.	Weekly Economic Update publication	Every Thursday	This report provides Ministers with updates and relevant information regarding select companies and entities monitored by the Treasury.	Each Friday morning 9:00am – published on Treasury website by 12pm each Friday	Minister of Finance	<p>Forecasting</p> <p>Nairn MacGibbon [39]</p>
3.	Commercial Performance State of Play	Fortnightly (next report on 24 March)	This report provides Ministers with updates and relevant information regarding select companies and entities monitored by the Treasury.		<p>Minister of Finance</p> <p>Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker)</p> <p>Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods)</p> <p>Minister for State Owned Enterprises</p>	<p>Commercial Performance</p> <p>Maureena van der Lem [39]</p> <p>Shelley Hollingsworth [39]</p>

## 6. Upcoming Cabinet Papers

List of Cabinet papers upcoming over 22 March – 02 April that Treasury is aware of.

	Ministerial Portfolio (and lead agency)	Title/topic	Treasury View	Timeframe for Cabinet Committee/Cabinet	Team Name and Contact
1.	Courts (Ministry of Justice)	Rules Committee Amendment Rules 2021	This paper seeks approval for several minor and technical changes to the District Court Rules 2014, High Court Rules 2016, Court of Appeal (Civil) Rules 2005, Court of Appeal (Criminal) Rules 2001, Supreme Court Rules 2004, and Criminal Procedure Rules 2012. <b>The Treasury has no concerns with the paper.</b>	LEG 23 March	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
2.	Social Development and Employment	Extending the COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Programme	This paper proposes a four-month extension to the COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Programme to 31 August 2021 with the net cost of \$15.43 million charged against the CRRF. <b>Treasury support this paper.</b>	SWC 24 March	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]
3.	Social Development and Employment	Implementing the Court of Appeal judgment on the means assessment for long-term aged residential care	This paper seeks agreement for MSD to implement the Court of Appeal decision on the financial means assessment (FMA) for the Residential Care Subsidy (RCS) retrospectively, and process refunds to clients/ estates directly rather than through DHBs and rest home owners.  Funding for the retrospective payments of \$20 million is being sought as part of Budget 2021. <b>Treasury supports this paper.</b>	SWC 24 March	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]
4.	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 (CPRA) to give courts new powers to respond more effectively to transnational and organised criminal offending. <b>The Treasury has no concerns with the paper.</b>	SWC 24 March	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
5.	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. <b>The Treasury has no concerns with the paper.</b>	SWC 24 March	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
6.	Health	Health and Disability System Review – proposals for reform	This paper proposes a new system operating model for the health system, noting that a significant amount of detail remains to be worked through and planned timeframes for doing so will be challenging [T2021/419 refers]. <b>Treasury is supportive of the proposed new system.</b>	SWC 24 March	Health Niki Lomax [35]
7.	Veterans (New Zealand Defence Force)	Veterans' Support Entitlement Obligation	This paper seeks approval of a \$78.904 million increase in appropriations to reflect the increase in the veterans' support entitlement obligation as a result of previous Cabinet/ministerial decisions. In line with your decision last year, the increase in appropriations is not being charged against the operating allowance [T2020/3336 refers]. <b>The Treasury has no concerns with the paper.</b>	SWC 24 March	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
8.	Finance (Treasury) and Transport	Lessons Learned from the Transmission Gully Review	This paper reports back to Cabinet the lessons learned from the Transmission Gully Review. The Treasury drafted this paper with input from Te Waihangā.	DEV 24 March	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]

	Ministerial Portfolio (and lead agency)	Title/topic	Treasury View	Timeframe for Cabinet Committee/Cabinet	Team Name and Contact
9.	Transport (Ministry of Transport)	The Future of Rail: Rail Track User Charge	This paper seeks Cabinet approval to draft regulations implementing a track user charge to recover costs of rail network infrastructure from KiwiRail's freight and tourism business. <b>The Treasury is still forming its view on the paper.</b>	DEV 24 March	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
10.	Justice (Ministry of Justice)	COVID-19: Report back on further work to resolve commercial lease disputes	This paper seeks approval to discontinue the voluntary mediation and arbitration service for commercial lease disputes and return \$19 million of unspent funding to the centre. <b>The Treasury has no concerns with this paper.</b>	DEV 24 March	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
11.	Transport (Ministry of Transport)	Progressing the City Centre to Māngere project through a public service delivery approach	The paper seeks agreement to set up an Establishment Unit to progress the City Centre to Māngere project, guided by a governance structure comprising representatives of central and local government and with an independent chairperson. <b>The Treasury supports the set up of the Establishment Unit and its proposed functions and tasks. However, we are concerned that the proposed governance arrangements will dilute accountability, and result in delays and lack of delivery. We have provided you with advice on a suggested alternative governance arrangement, aligned with best practice.</b>	DEV 24 March	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
12.	Minister for Food Safety (Ministry for Primary Industries)	Proposals to strengthen regulatory oversight of inhibitors used in agriculture	This paper seeks agreement to change the regulatory oversight of inhibitors used in agriculture by defining them under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997. <b>The Treasury supports this paper.</b>	DEV 24 March	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
13.	Minister for Oceans and Fisheries (Ministry for Primary Industries)	Proposed subdivision of PAU 3 Quota Management Area	This paper seeks agreement to subdivide PAU 3 into two smaller quota management areas. <b>The Treasury supports this paper.</b>	DEV 24 March	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
14.	Minister of Forestry (Ministry for Primary Industries)	Reprioritisation of remaining 1 Billion Trees Fund	This paper seeks in-principle agreement to reprioritise at least \$23.5 million from the remaining One Billion Trees Fund, to establish a new forestry specialist planning and advisory function. <b>The Treasury recommends that Te Uru Rākau conduct further policy and operational development of the proposal before funding is committed.</b>	DEV 24 March	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
15.	Overseas Investment (The Treasury)	Overseas Investment Act Forestry Review: Draft Terms of Reference	This paper seeks agreement to a Terms of Reference for a review of the forestry-related amendments to the Overseas Investment Act made in 2018 and a timeline for completion of the review.	DEV 24 March	International Jemma Jackson [39]

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16.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Trade for All Advisory Board Recommendations: Report Back	This paper reports on progress towards implementing the Government's response to the Trade for All Advisory Board's report and recommendations. <b>The Treasury supports the paper, and the proposed further report on a plan for improving the National Interest Analyses (NIAs) that MFAT produces for Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) back to Cabinet by June 2021.</b> In addition to addressing the issues with the quality and objectivity of NIAs raised by the Advisory Board, it will be important that the plan provides for a more robust assessment of FTAs earlier in the trade negotiations process.	DEV 24 March	International Harry Nicholls [39]
17.	Tourism (MBIE)	Release of Discussion Document: Supporting Sustainable Freedom Camping in Aotearoa New Zealand	This paper proposes to publicly consult on four options to address issues of concern in relation to freedom camping.  There are no direct fiscal implications arising from the release of the discussion document. If the Government makes a decision to change regulations for freedom camping there will be ongoing fiscal implications. Further work needs to be done to accurately determine whether the revenue from fines will be sufficient to cover the ongoing costs of any changes. <b>The Treasury supports this paper.</b>  <b>Recommended action for MoF – We recommend you invite the Minister for tourism to include more information in the paper about other policy activity happening in the system</b> and how all this work fits together including the cumulative impacts it may have on the sector and visitor behaviours.	DEV 24 March	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Ashley Stuart [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
18.	Economic Development (MBIE)	Future Investment in the America's Cup Sailing Team	This paper seeks an in-principle decision to fund the hosting of the next America's Cup (AC37) if New Zealand wins the current America's Cup, including committing contingency funding of up to \$60 million. The proposal to support AC37 was not invited into the Budget 2021 process, as it did not align with the Government's Budget strategy.  This is the second (of two) papers on future investment in the America's Cup. At DEV on 11 March, it was agreed that the Crown would provide a one-off \$5 million investment to the Emirates Team New Zealand, on the condition that New Zealand hosts AC37 (and therefore winning AC36). If these conditions are not met, then the funding must be repaid. <b>The Treasury does not support this paper.</b>	DEV 24 March	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Clara Rowe [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
19.	Energy and Resources (MBIE)	Phase-Out of the Low Fixed Charge Tariff Regulations	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.  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 MBIE to ensure that the Cabinet paper considers this issue further. <b>The Treasury supports this paper.</b>	DEV 24 March	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Taylor Farr [35] Jean Le Roux [35]

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20.	Energy and Resources (MBIE)	Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Matters) Amendment Bill: Additional policy proposals and items to note	This paper seeks agreement to additional policy proposals to be added to the Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Matters) Amendment Bill to further strengthen the legal and financial responsibility for decommissioning petroleum sector infrastructure. <b>The Treasury supports this paper.</b>	DEV 24 March	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development George Wibberley [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
21.	Energy and Resources (MBIE)	Phasing out fossil fuels in process heat: approval to consult on national direction for industrial greenhouse gas emissions.	This paper proposes that public consultation on the proposed national direction take place in April-May 2021. The paper includes recommendations for Cabinet agreement to “prohibit the installation of any new coal-fired boilers” and to “phase out existing fossil-fuelled boilers through consenting requirements including greenhouse gas management plans”. In our view, the paper does not provide sufficient information on the potential impacts of these decisions. We instead recommend that Cabinet’s agreement is sought following further analysis and industry consultation, in mid-2021, when Ministers Woods and Parker are due to report back to Cabinet with final policy recommendations. <b>The Treasury does not support this paper.</b>	DEV 24 March	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development George Wibberley [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
22.	Climate Change (MfE)	National Adaptation Plan: Scope and Approach	This paper sets out a strategic direction for the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) which government is required to publish by August 2022. It commits Treasury to lead, with MBIE, the development of an outcomes-focused action plan for the “economy and financial system” pillar of the NAP. <b>The Treasury supports this paper.</b>	DEV 24 March	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Patrick Kirkham [39] Udayan Mukherjee [35]
23.	Finance	Reserve Bank of New Zealand Bill: Matters for Inclusion in the Departmental Report	This paper seeks approval for changes to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Bill, as agreed to in recent joint Treasury/Reserve Bank reports [T2021/456 and T2021/255 refer]. <b>The Treasury supports the paper.</b>	DEV 24 March CAB 29 March	Reserve Bank Act Review Team Tamiko Bayliss [39]
24.	Minister for the Public Service	Government Workforce Policy Statement for the public sector	This paper invites the Minister for the Public Service to finalise and issue (subject to Cabinet feedback) a Government Workforce Policy Statement (GWPS) setting out employment relations expectations for the public sector. <b>The Treasury supports the workforce goals articulated in the proposed GWPS, including targeting pay increases to low-paid workers and supporting the Government’s fiscal strategy.</b> Cabinet should note that the Public Service Act 2020 delegates authority to the Public Service Commissioner to issue operational guidance to give effect to any aspect of the proposed statement.  We understand the Commissioner intends to issue extended pay restraint guidance as an operational matter under the proposed GWPS, with an indefinite time period. We have not seen a full set of analysis around anticipated benefits and risks, and <b>we recommend the Minister of Finance seeks assurance on the intended approach to monitoring impacts (including recruitment &amp; retention) and exit strategy given the potential impacts on the Government’s work programme.</b>	GOV 25 March CAB 29 March	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]



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25.	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. <b>The Treasury is still forming its view on the paper.</b>	CBC 29 March	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
26.	Finance (The Treasury)	Productivity Commission Inquiry into Immigration Settings for New Zealand's Long-Term Prosperity and Wellbeing	This paper seeks agreement to the Terms of Reference for a Productivity Commission inquiry into immigration settings for New Zealand's long-term prosperity and wellbeing.  Ministerial/agency consultation on the Terms of Reference and Cabinet is currently underway until 18 March.	CBC 29 March	Economic Strategy Mario DiMaio [39]
27.	Regional Economic Development (PDU)	Regional Strategic Partnership Fund: Further implementation decisions	This paper has some major issues outlined below. We are going to provide a more detailed briefing for you as part of Ministerial Consultation in the coming days.  <b>PGF reprioritisation:</b> the paper identifies \$101m in savings which are proposed to be redirected towards PDU's ongoing expenses. TSY is supportive of the reprioritisation process but suggest the \$101m is directed towards the RSPF, with PDU opex found through MBIE baselines.  <b>Fiscal sustainability:</b> the paper seeks agreement for returns for PGFL investments to be ringfenced and recycled into regional investments. This could capture all investments held by PGFL (including those beyond the RED remit). We recommend this is removed from the paper and the issue is considered alongside projects including MBIE's longer term work on access to capital.	CBC 29 March	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Ashley Stuart [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
28.	Minister of Conservation (Department of Conservation)	Improving Whitebait Management	This paper seeks agreement to amend the regulations that control whitebaiting and agree in principle to controls on the export of whitebait. <b>The Treasury will brief you further ahead of Cabinet committee as we are still working through implications of the Customs Export Prohibition (Whitebait) Order with the Department of Conservation.</b>	CBC 29 March	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
29.	Māori Development	Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust: Resolution of the perpetual lease issues relating to Whakarewa lands in Motueka	[38]	Late March MCR	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
30.	Māori Development	Māori Purposes Bill draft Cabinet Paper	This paper seeks Cabinet agreement to legislative amendments to a number of statues through a Māori Purposes Bill, an omnibus bill that enables minor, technical, and non-controversial amendments to be made to Māori Development legislation. [33]	Late March MCR	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
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## 7. Other Upcoming Reports -

List of reports upcoming over a 3 weeks period, from 15 March – 02 April not covered above.

	Topic	Timeframe	Purpose/Action	Deadline for MoF Action (if any)	Minister(s) – Primary Audience	Team Name and Contact
1.	Landcorp Review - Draft report	15 March	This report will provide some covering advice on the draft findings report for shareholding Ministers to consider.	19 March	Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
2.	Delivering the 2021-24 National Land Transport Programme	15 March	This paper seeks direction from the Minister of Transport on how to address revenue pressures in delivering the 2021-24 National Land Transport Programme.		Minister of Finance Minister of Transport	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
3.	Earthquake Commission	15 March	This paper updates the Minister on the On-sold programme and the implications this will have for the appropriation.		Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission	Commercial Performance Shelley Hollingsworth [39]
4.	Meridian	15 March	This paper responds to an information request from Minister Parker on Meridian's dividend history		Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
5.	Letter of Expectations for Tupu Tonu - Ngapuhi Investment Fund Ltd	15 March	This paper provides a draft Letter of Expectations for Ngapuhi Investment Fund Ltd.	26 March	Minister of Finance Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations	Financial Institutions Joseph Sant [39]
6.	Meeting with Australian High Commissioner	16 March	This paper provides background information and talking points for your meeting with Australian High Commissioner HE Hon Patricia Forsythe on 17 March.	17 March	Minister Robertson	International John-David Chaker [39]
7.	MSD / TSY Joint report – Time Limiting the Training Incentive Allowance.	16 March	This report seeks decisions regarding Ministers' preferred approach to time limiting the Training Incentive Allowance to four years.	Agree preferred approach.	Minister of Finance Minister for Social Development and Employment	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]
8.	KiwiRail - acquisition under the Public Works Act	17 March	This paper seeks the approval of the Minister for State Owned Enterprises to acquire land under the Public Works Act.	31 March	Minister of Finance Minister for State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]

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9.	NZ Post	17 March	This paper briefs and provide some talking points for Minister Clark’s meeting with the NZ Post board on 25 March 2021.		Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Shelley Hollingsworth [39]
10.	Otakaro's Q4 FY20/21 Funding Request	17 March	This paper updates on Otakaro's Q4FY20/21 funding request.		Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods) Minister for Land Information	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
11.	Health reform	17 March	This paper provides further information on Health and Disability Reform initiatives to support your meeting on 18 March.	Ahead of the Finance Priorities Meeting on 18 March	Minister of Finance	Health Niki Lomax [35]
12.	KiwiSaver work programme	18 March	The paper briefs you on MBIE’s KiwiSaver work programme was requested by your office, to provide advice on matters of interest to the finance portfolio in advance of meeting with Minister Clark.	Ahead of the potential discussion with Minister Clark	Minister of Finance	Financial Markets Daniel Jury [39]
13.	Advice following joint ministerial meeting on main benefit increase	18 March	The paper advises the Minister on costings for increasing support to students, as well as options around a 'more partial' increase to the Minimum Family Tax Credit (MFTC).	22 March to be included in Budget Ministers 3 material.	Minister for Child Poverty Reduction Minister of Finance Minister for Social Development and Employment Minister of Revenue Minister of Education	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]
14.	RNZ	18 March	This paper notes reappointments being made to the RNZ board, and that Hon Faafoi is starting consultation for submission to APH.		Minister of Finance Minister for Broadcasting	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]
15.	Fair Pay Agreements	18 March	This paper intends to implement a Fair Pay Agreements system to protect vulnerable and low paid workers and avoid a 'race to the bottom' for employers. Ahead of the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety consulting on a Cabinet paper on system design and legislation, we will provide your office with advice on our considerations of how best to achieve the intended outcomes, including system choices to mitigate risks and costs.		Minister of Finance	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]

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16.	Proactive Release	18 March	The paper reports to Joint Ministers of Finance and Revenue on materials to be released pertaining to recent Cabinet decision on tax measures		Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Felicity Barker [35]
17.	Whakatōhea: Crown Contribution	week of 15 March	This paper seeks Joint Ministers' agreement to make a one-off Crown contribution totalling <sup>[38]</sup> towards the establishment costs of a body being established through the Whakatōhea Treaty settlement for iwi to manage natural resources alongside local authorities. In line with MCR's recent decision [MCR-21-MIN-0003], these costs will be funded from forecast underspends in 2020/21 from elsewhere in Te Arawhiti baselines. Treasury is comfortable with this proposal.	Before 19 March	Minister of Finance Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister for the Environment	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
18.	Delegation of authority to the Minister of Defence to approve certain indemnities and guarantees	week of 15 March	This paper that seeks Joint Ministers' agreement to recommend 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. The Treasury has no concerns with the proposal.	No specific deadline	Minister of Finance Minister of Defence	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
19.	ACC Appointments	week of 15 March	This paper seeks agreement to the shortlisted candidates for the 2021 ACC appointment round.		Minister of Finance Minister for ACC	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]
20.	Overseas Investment Act: Provisional timeframes	week of 15 March	This report seeks agreement to the final enduring design features for statutory timeframes in the Overseas Investment Act and agreement to the provisional timeframes for the Overseas Investment Office (OIO) to work to internally over the next few months, ahead of statutory timeframes taking effect.	26 March	Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker)	International Mary Llewellyn-Fowler [39]
21.	Childcare for Essential Workers at Alert Level 4  (Ministry of Education paper)	week of 15 March	This paper seeks your agreement to the funding mechanism and costs of an essential workers childcare scheme in the event of a move to Alert Level 4. Cabinet agreed the scheme would be re-established in Alert Level 4 and that you and the Minister of Education would agree the rate and funding mechanism and report back to Cabinet. Treasury is working with the Ministry of Education on the paper and will provide advice to your office.	Before 31 March	Minister of Finance Minister of Education	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
22.	KiwiRail	23 March	This paper briefs the Minister of State Owned Enterprises on the meeting with Toll New Zealand. Toll is a major freight operator.	30 March	Minister of Finance Minister of State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
23.	Crown Financial Institutions Monitoring Report – December 2020	23 March	This report provides a monitoring report on investment risk and performance for the Crown Financial Institutions for the six months, ending December 2020.		Minister of Finance	Financial Institutions Joseph Sant [39]

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24.	Proactive release of the Letters of Expectation for 2021/22	24 March	This paper seeks approval for the Treasury to proactively release Letters of Expectations for the 2021/22 financial year on the Treasury's website.	7 April	Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods) Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister of Education Minister for Land Information Minister of Agriculture Minister for Biosecurity Minister for Broadcasting and Media Minister of Internal Affairs Minister of State Owned Enterprises Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission Associate Minister of Justice	Commercial Performance Shelley Hollingsworth [39] Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
25.	BFGS: Stocktake	25 March	This paper provides advice in relation the future of the BFGS within the context of the wider access to finance work.		Minister of Finance	Business Finance Guarantee Peter Rowe [39]
26.	Integrity of the 39% top personal tax rate	25 March	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.		Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Daniel White [35]
27.	Update on digital tax	25 March	This paper updates ministers on the progress at the OECD towards a multilateral solution, the OECD's next steps, and key issues for New Zealand.  It is Intended to supplement briefings for upcoming discussions between the MoF and his counterparts in Germany/Italy.		Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Michael Sherwood [35]

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28.	Fiscal Strategy for B21 updated for preliminary fiscal forecasts	25 March	This paper advises the Minister on allowance levels and fiscal intentions and objective in the context of the preliminary fiscal forecasts that will be finalised on the 23 March.		Minister of Finance	Macroeconomic and Fiscal Policy Angus Hawkins [39]
29.	Discussion Paper on ACC Fiscal Strategy	25 March	This paper presents indicative levies and how the Funding Policy Statement gives effect to recommended levy rates. Seeks a discussion on a fundamental review of ACC fiscal strategy in 2022.		Minister of Finance Minister for ACC	Financial Institutions Joseph Sant [39]
30.	Budget Technical Package (and draft Cabinet Paper)	25 March	This report outlines the technical initiatives (fiscally neutral initiatives that do not represent significant policy changes) to be considered by Cabinet as part of the Budget technical package on 6 April and will attach a draft of this Cabinet paper for your agreement to lodge.	29 March	Minister of Finance	Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39] (first contact)
31.	New Zealand Government Property Corporation – Power of Attorney	25 March	This paper seeks approval of revised powers of attorney to sign documents on behalf of the New Zealand Government Property Corporation in relation to New Zealand House in London.	12 April	Minister of Finance	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
32.	The Treasury's 'Golden Rules' for Cabinet papers [T2021/372 refers]	26 March	This paper presents a list of 'Golden Rules' for Cabinet Papers with a recommendation that Minister's office apply the rules to draft Cabinet papers, as they see fit.	Early April	Minister of Finance	Strategic Performance Improvement Megan Taylor [39]
33.	New Zealand Infrastructure Commission	week of 22 March	This paper agrees to fees exception for members of NZ InfraCom (Te Waihangā).	31 March	Minister of Finance	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]
34.	Response to the OAG's article on COVID-19 expenditure	week of 22 March	This paper updates the Minister on the progress of Treasury's response and seek your agreement to material on the allocation of CRRF to be published on the Treasury's website.  Some of the material will present information on the allocation of the CRRF that has not been made public previously. It will show, at a high level, how CRRF has been allocated to Votes and to different categories of initiatives.	29 March	Minister of Finance	Strategic Performance Improvement Megan Taylor [39]
35.	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Funding and Fees Review Proposals	week of 22 March	This paper provides an update on the Regulatory Funding and Fees Review (following DEV-21-MIN-0015) and seeks the Minister of Transport's input on the preferred funding models and the consultation document. You are being forwarded a copy due the Ministry's proposal to draw on the NLTF via section 9(1A) Land Transport Management Act, which would require decisions by Joint Ministers (although a decision on this is not required at this time).		Minister of Transport Minister of Finance	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]

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38.	Drawing down Contingency for Addressing Supplier Contractual Obligations Arising from COVID-19  (Ministry of Education paper)	week of 22 March	This paper proposes drawing down part of the contingency “COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund for Addressing Supplier Contractual Obligations Arising from the Impact of COVID-19” to reimburse school property contractors who incurred additional costs through the impact of COVID-19. Treasury is working on this paper with the Ministry and will provide advice to your office if required.	week of 22 March	Minister of Finance, Minister of Education	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
39.	Landcorp - Waitangirua	31 March	This paper seeks Ministers’ 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).	Mid-March to allow time for any comments to be fed into the final report	Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
40.	Southern Response	31 March	This paper outlines possible scenarios and timing associated with the Crown funded package for Southern Response policyholders who settled before October 2014.		Minister of Finance Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission	Commercial Performance Shelley Hollingsworth [39]
41.	Changes to the settlement of aquaculture space in the Hauraki Gulf.	1 April	This paper seeks agreement in principle to an addendum to the Waikato-East Regional Agreement for aquaculture (that your predecessor was a signatory to) and to a corresponding tax indemnity for the applicable Iwi Aquaculture Organisations. We have not seen a draft of documents, but expect they make only minor changes. We will provide a Treasury Report to inform your decisions.	7 April	Minister of Finance	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
42.	Budget 2021: Draft Budget 2021 Cabinet Paper	1 April	This paper provides a draft Budget 2021 Cabinet paper for your feedback. This Cabinet paper will be lodged the following week (9 April) for consideration at Cabinet on 12 April.	6 April	Minister of Finance	Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39] (first contact)
43.	TVNZ	week of 29 March	This paper seeks agreement to the shortlisted candidates for the 2021 TVNZ appointment round.		Minister of Finance Minister for Broadcasting	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]

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