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Treasury Report: Upcoming Issues Briefing for the Minister - 31 March 2021

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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)

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Nick Robinson	Chief Communications & Engagement Officer	N/A (mob)	

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. Provided any feedback you have on the following sections:
 - Section 1: Upcoming Minister's meetings
 - Section 2: Short updates
 - Section 3: Updates of Key Priorities

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Hon Grant Robertson
Minister of Finance

Upcoming Issues Briefing to the Minister of Finance Report

31 March 2021

1. Upcoming Minister Meetings

Proposed agenda items for upcoming Weekly Agency Meetings

Item	Description	Time	Minister's feedback
	<i>Time allows for one substantive item and short updates.</i>		
Meeting next week (3.30 - 4pm Thursday 8 April)			
1.	Final BEFU2021 Economic forecasts	10 minutes	
2.	Budget 2021 (placeholder item, only if required)	5 minutes	
3.	Investment Work Programme Alignment and Strategic Considerations	10 minutes	
4.	Social Insurance and the Future of Work (April – July 2021)	5 minutes	
Upcoming meetings			
4.	Final BEFU2021 Tax forecasts	10 minutes (12 April)	

Proposed agenda items for upcoming Finance Portfolio Meetings

Item	Description	Time	Minister's feedback
	<i>Time allows for 1-2 substantive items.</i>		
Meeting next week			
No Finance Priorities scheduled for 8 April.			
Upcoming meetings			
1.	[33] and [37]		
2.	Climate Change Funding and Financing		
3.	Capital Accounting Treatment and the Business Case Process		
4.	Fiscal Indicators Review (post Budget)		

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.	Treasury appearance at FEC on the OAG's report: Central government: Results of the 2019/20 audits	<p>The Treasury has been invited to appear before FEC on 14 April. The Treasury will make a written submission in advance of its appearance. The focus will be on the comments the Auditor-General has made with respect to performance reporting.</p> <p>The Treasury's submission will be in line with T2021/588: <i>Material for your meeting with the Auditor-General and Deputy Auditor-General on 15 March 2021</i>; while also discussing the complexities involved in improving performance reporting. A copy of the submission will be provided to you the week of 6 April.</p>	<p>Strategic Performance Improvement</p> <p>Megan Taylor [39]</p>	
2.	Upcoming Ministerial Oversight Group for State Sector Employment Relations (MOGSSER) meeting on 14 April	<p>The upcoming MOGSSER meeting on 14 April has the following items on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview including Pay Restraint and Government Workforce Policy Statement 2021 • Pay Equity claims in the Funded Sector • Health Sector – Update on Bargaining 2021 • Education Sector – Approach to Bargaining 2022 • Corrections – Update on Bargaining 2021 • Police – Update on Bargaining 2021. 	<p>Skills and Work</p> <p>Nick Carroll [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>COVID-19 response</p>	<p>Business support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the second Resurgence Support Payment (RSPMAR21) will close on 12 April. • Following the commission for 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. <p>Childcare for essential workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The paper proposes a scheme, if required, be funded through a reprioritisation of \$15 million from the Early Learning Sustainability Fund; and at a total hourly rate of \$35 per hour. 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). We support the proposals in the paper, including the proposed hourly rate and funding mechanism. <p>Commercial leases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We understand that the Minister of Justice (MoJ) intends to take a paper on commercial leases to DEV on 7 April. 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. We have provided feedback for Ministerial consultation proposing that MoJ undertake wider consultation, as anecdotal evidence suggests that rent costs continues to be a concern for businesses. <p>Immunisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister for COVID-19 Response has publicly said that workers in high risk roles at the border should be vaccinated. • On 6 April the Minister will take a paper to Cabinet. The paper proposes that if, by the end of April, there remain unvaccinated workers engaging in certain high-risk work at the border, government should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduce amendments to the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020, enabling government to require that certain high risk roles only be carried out by vaccinated workers; and ○ Provide 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 licence. • We are also concerned by the potential flow-on impacts of the proposed redundancy compensation. 	<p>Business support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on settings for the Resurgence Support Payment and Wage Subsidy Scheme – due week of 12 April. <p>Childcare for essential workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint advice on childcare for essential workers – week of 29 March, with a decision required in the week of 6 April. 	

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	<p>Borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cabinet paper on the work programme for the elimination strategy has again been delayed. The timing of the paper is now unclear. DPMC and MoH have launched a sprint project to bring together cross-agency work on the pathway to reopening New Zealand's borders. The Treasury is a part of this project. The project has had good buy-in from agencies and has flushed out the full range of issues that need to be taken into account in relating to decisions on the border. The process for engaging a wider group of Ministers on this work has not yet been confirmed. However, we understand advice on the work and next steps may be provided to support Ministerial discussion in mid-April. The Treasury's focus remains on helping to agree the programme of work and sequencing of advice to support decisions, and the co-ordination of modelling work that will help to inform judgements on border decisions. Provisional commencement of two-way quarantine-free travel with Australia was agreed by Cabinet on Monday 22 March. A report back on 6 April will seek approval for a finalised commencement date and seek confirmation of the system of health checks required and approval of associated costs. 		
Wellbeing approach	<p>Living Standards Framework Refresh</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 first volume which was 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 will provide you with an updated analysis as soon as it is available. The Treasury is working with the Child Poverty Unit on identifying the policies likely to be most effective at reducing measured child poverty, ahead of setting the next round of targets. The Treasury is working with the Child Poverty Unit on the Budget 2021 Child Poverty Report. We will engage with your office shortly on timeframes. 		

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Climate change mitigation and adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 23 March you 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 14 April. After your meeting with Climate Budget Ministers on 16 March, you 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 was provided to you along with overall Budget advice on Friday 19 March. 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 the climate transition, currently scheduled for late April or May 2021. 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 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 provide a briefing to you as required before major decisions are sought from the MOG and Cabinet. 		
Health reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cabinet paper on the proposals for the new system operating model was agreed at Cabinet on 29 March, and funding for the initial phases of reform will be agreed via the Budget Cabinet paper on 12 April. We understand the Minister of Health is working towards making a public announcement on the system operating model on 14 April (date tbc). This would be a pre-Budget announcement. The Treasury is working with the DPMC Transition Unit on the Regulatory Impact Statement which is to be provided alongside the next substantive Cabinet paper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice has been commissioned from the Minister of Health to the MoH, the DPMC Transition Unit, and Treasury on managing DHB financial performance through transition. The Minister of Finance will receive this advice, expected in April. 	
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After being deferred, the Cabinet paper on the Transmission Gully Interim Review is now expected to be considered at DEV on 7 April. 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. This week we will meet with Te Waihangā, the Infrastructure Commission on its consultation document for the 30-year Infrastructure Strategy. Te Waihangā are due to meet with you to discuss this consultation document on 21 April. The Treasury has had an initial meeting with MBIE regarding the NZ Battery Project. The MBIE team is looking at their process for reporting to Ministers on this project. Going forward, Treasury and Te Waihangā officials will continue to have regular engagements with MBIE as this project progresses. 		
Housing	<p>Supply Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government has announced the Housing Acceleration Fund, and accompanying initiatives including the Kāinga Ora Land Programme and refocused Residential Development Response Fund. <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>Supply Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report back (with HUD) on the design parameters of the infrastructure fund, including alignment with existing infrastructure processes and ongoing collective Ministerial oversight across central Government alignment. 	

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Housing (continued)	<p>Resource Management Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Oversight Group meeting #5 on 7 April will cover agreement to the May exposure draft content and other public consultation material. It is also planned to cover integration of Te Mana o te Taiao and consider the appropriate way to reflect the Treaty of Waitangi. <p>Budget 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The housing Budget package was confirmed at Budget Ministers 3 and decisions have now been bilateralised. We are working with MHUD and Te Puni Kōkiri to ensure that the financial recommendations included in the Budget Cabinet paper are consistent with your feedback on our outstanding housing Budget decisions report (T2021/785 refers). New multi-category appropriations will likely be necessary and will seek your approval prior to the Budget package being considered by Cabinet in Treasury's report accompanying the draft Budget Cabinet paper. <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"> The Treasury and the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) are preparing advice on setting up Ministerial Oversight Group sub-groups to progress key issues, likely to include infrastructure, including enabling housing and transport. 	

4. Key Upcoming Decisions

List of reports requiring decisions from the Minister by 09 April.

	Topic	Timeframe	Purpose / action	Deadline for MoF Action	Minister(s) – Primary audience	Team Name and Contact
1.	New Zealand Infrastructure Commission	week of 5 April	This paper seeks agreement to a fees exception for members of NZ InfraCom (Te Waihanga).	31 March	Minister of Finance	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]
2.	Advice on the Minimum Family Tax Credit (MFTC)	30 March	This paper provides a further lower cost option for the Minimum Family Tax Credit following a request from the Prime Minister. Decisions on final approach to MFTC are needed by 1 April for inclusion in the Budget 2021 package.	1 April	Minister for Child Poverty Reduction Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue Minister of Social Development and Employment	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]
3.	Auditor-General's report on the Wage Subsidy	30 March	This paper provides the latest OAG report draft and advise on agencies' proposed action plan in response to the Auditor-General's report on the Wage Subsidy.	1 April	Minister of Finance Minister for Social Development and Employment Minister of Revenue	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]
4.	Draft Budget 2021 Cabinet Paper	1 April	The paper seeks approval of any new multi-category appropriations (MCAs) that require establishment as the result of Budget 2021 initiatives. The paper also seeks feedback of the draft Budget 2021 Cabinet paper. The final Cabinet paper will be lodged the following week (Friday 9 April) for consideration at Cabinet on 12 April.	6 April	Minister of Finance	Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39]
5.	Budget Ministers 4 Slide Pack [Tentative]	1 April (Final version on Tuesday 6 April)	This paper seeks feedback on the near-final Budget Ministers 4 slide pack by 6 April for the material to be finalised and sent to Budget Ministers on the same day. Budget Ministers 4 is scheduled for 7 April in order to resolve any outstanding matters from Budget Ministers 3.	6 April	Minister of Finance (Final version to Budget Ministers: Prime Minister; Minister of Finance; Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods))	Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39]
6.	Drawdown of remaining Budget 2019 contingency funding for WorkSafe Modernisation	31 March	This paper seeks draw-down approval of remaining Budget 2019 funding to support WorkSafe's ongoing Modernisation programme. This report will advise Ministers on whether to approve the funding, and the detailed steps necessary to support this decision, including approval of an interest-free capital loan, repayable within 10 years. The Chair of WorkSafe New Zealand's board intends to write this report Joint Ministers.	7 April (before Cabinet at 1pm on 12 April, to avoid Budget Moratorium)	Minister of Finance Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]

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7.	Reserve Bank Act Review – completing the review	1 April	This report seeks decision on ongoing arrangements for delivery of policy advice once key policy decisions on the Reserve Bank Act Review have been taken by Cabinet in April.	7 April	Minister of Finance	Reserve Bank Act Review Team Tamiko Bayliss [39]
8.	Urgent request to landbank properties	31 March	This paper seeks joint Ministers’ agreement to make offers on, and if successful, landbank three properties outside the protection mechanism. Tenders close on the first property on 9 April. Treasury is yet to see a draft of this report and has not formed a view on its proposals.	8 April	Minister of Finance Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister for Māori Development	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
9.	Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP)	29 March	This advice seeks your approval to a shovel-ready project payment to CIP.	8 April	Minister for Infrastructure Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods) Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker)	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
10.	Drawdown from Contingency Funding for Capital Charge and Tranche 2 Equity Support	31 March	This paper seeks agreement to drawdowns of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$66.6 million over four years from the “District Health Boards – Capital Charge Contingency” to fund increases in capital charge payable by the Canterbury and West Coast District Health Boards (DHBs) resulting from new capital projects; • \$100 million ^[25] to meet the potential working capital needs of DHBs prior to 30 June 2021. 	9 April	Minister of Health Minister of Finance	Health Jess Hewat [39] Jess Jenkins [39]
11.	Interest deductibility consultation	6 April	This report details the next steps on the consultation process for interest deductibility and seeks decisions on time and consultation of the proposal.	9 April	Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Felicity Barker [35]

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	Budget Management Tom Hall <small>[39]</small> Simon Duncan <small>[39]</small>
2.	Commercial Performance State-of-Play	Fortnightly (next report on 7 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	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem <small>[39]</small> Shelley Hollingsworth <small>[39]</small>
3.	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 excluding Good Friday 2 March – published on Treasury website by 12pm each Friday	Minister of Finance	Forecasting Nairn MacGibbon <small>[39]</small>

6. Upcoming Cabinet Papers

List of Cabinet papers upcoming over 05 April – 16 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.	Finance (The Treasury)	Project 20	This paper seeks authority to increase an appropriation.	CAB 6 April	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
2.	Public Service (PSC)	Government Workforce Policy Statement for the public sector	<p>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. 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. 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.</p> <p>The Treasury understands that 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 The Treasury recommends that the Minister of Finance seeks assurance on the intended approach to monitoring impacts (including recruitment & retention) and exit strategy given the potential impacts on the Government's work programme. The Minister will receive joint advice from Te Kawa Mataaho and Treasury on 29 March on the Commissioner's outstanding decisions in relation to those earning between \$60,000-\$100,000.</p>	CAB 6 April	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]
3.	Minister for COVID-19 Response Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety (MBIE)	Stronger regulatory levers to support the COVID-19 vaccine rollout to border workers	<p>The paper proposes that if, by the end of April, there remain unvaccinated workers engaging in certain high risk work at the border, government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce amendments to the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 requiring that certain high risk work only be carried out by vaccinated workers; • Provide minimum statutory "redundancy" compensation entitlements to any worker performing those roles whose employment is terminated because the worker is unwilling or unable to be vaccinated (and cannot be redeployed to another role) <p>Treasury previously recommended legislative levers may be disproportionate given the small scale of the problem. There are also risks to service delivery if specialist border roles cannot be backfilled.</p> <p>The financial, precedent and legal risks of the proposed redundancy compensation entitlements are not fully analysed in the paper. The Treasury recommends further work is progressed in this area before the end of April.</p>	Direct to CAB on 6 April	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]

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4.	Finance (The Treasury)	Budget 2021: Technical Financial Recommendations	This paper seeks approval of technical (fiscally neutral and non-controversial) financial recommendations for Budget 2021. This package of initiatives is entirely technical in nature. The process for significant Budget 2021 initiatives is ongoing, and the significant Budget package will be considered by Cabinet on 12 April.	CAB 6 April	Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39]
5.	COVID-19 Response (Border Executive Board)	Safe Travel Initiatives: Australia Report Back	This paper seeks approval to commence two-way quarantine-free travel with Australia. It will also seek confirmation of the system of health checks proposed for commencement. The Treasury supports this paper but notes that some of the proposed health checks (temperature checking, pre-departure testing) for people arriving from Australia would have cost and resourcing implications despite being of limited or unclear clinical benefit.	CAB 6 April	International Harry Nicholls [39]
6.	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. The Treasury has no concerns with the paper.	SWC 7 April	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
7.	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. The proposed public consultation is subject to new funding being made available via Budget 2021 and on Ministerial consultation we have suggested that you ask that the paper discusses other potential funding options and/or what approach will be taken if funding is not included in the Budget package.	SWC 7 April	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
8.	Youth (Ministry of Youth Development)	The Youth Plan: Reporting on Progress	This paper provides a progress update on the Youth Plan 2020-2022. The Treasury has no comment on this paper.	SWC 7 April	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]
9.	Women (Ministry for Women)	Building Resilience for Women: COVID-19 and Beyond	This paper seeks agreement to a cross-government approach that addresses the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on women as part of the Government's wider COVID-19 economic recovery programme. Treasury is in the process of providing feedback on the proposals made in this paper.	SWC 7 April	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
10.	Education (Ministry of Education)	Report back on the uptake of the school donations scheme for 2020 and 2021	This paper provides the required Cabinet report back on the estimated and actual uptake and costs of the School Donations Scheme. The paper also proposes that Te Kura (formerly the Correspondence School) should have access to the Scheme from 2021. The paper notes that underspends of just under \$4 million for 2019/20 have been returned to the centre, with a further return of underspends of approximately \$6.8 million projected for 2020/21. Treasury supports the proposals.	SWC 7 April	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
11.	Earthquake Commission	On-sold Canterbury Properties - Changes to Repair Costs	This paper seeks agreement to an increase in the on-sold policy appropriation. The latest forecast for the cost of implementing the on-sold policy has exceeded the current appropriation. The Treasury supports this paper	DEV 7 April	Commercial Performance Shelley Hollingsworth [39]

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12.	Finance (The Treasury)	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 7 April	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
13.	Justice (MoJ)	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 7 April	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
14.	Energy and Resources (MBIE)	Phase-Out of the Low Fixed Charge Tariff Regulations	The 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. Treasury supports this paper.	DEV 7 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Taylor Farr [35] Jean Le Roux [35]
15.	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. Treasury supports this paper.	DEV 7 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development George Wibberley [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
16.	Transport (MoT)	Proposed changes to Waka Kotahi short-term borrowing facility	This paper seeks approval to changes to appropriation in order to implement agreed changes to Waka Kotahi's short-term borrowing facility. The Treasury supports this paper.	DEV 7 April	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
17.	Tourism (MBIE)	Supporting the tourism sector and communities to recover and reset from COVID-19	This paper seeks agreement to a tourism support package, which has been expanded since previous drafts with proposals to support both the broader tourism sector nation-wide and also targeted support for five communities disproportionately impacted by border closure. Based on a draft of this paper, the Treasury does not support this paper (T2021/618 refers). The Treasury sees merit in a support package for distressed regions, but the current draft proposals need further development before agreement and allocation of funding.	DEV 7 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Alice Ansley [39] Jean Le Roux [35]

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18.	Regional Economic Development (RED) (MBIE)	Regional Strategic Partnership Fund: Further implementation decisions	<p>This paper seeks Cabinet agreement to decisions to implement the \$200 million Regional Strategic Partnership Fund (RSPF). It seeks policy decisions on three of five programme streams and proposes to reprioritise \$101.130 million of the PGF to support the PDUs and Crown Regional Holdings Limited operational costs</p> <p>Treasury Supports recommendations 1 – 31 in the paper, which relate to operationalisation of RSPF policies and the activation of the PGFL.</p> <p>The Treasury does not support recommendations relating to PGF reprioritisation and recycling of funding:</p> <p>Fiscal sustainability: the paper (recommendation 46) 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 do not support this and recommend this is removed from the paper.</p> <p>PGF reprioritisation: the paper identifies \$101m in savings from PGF reprioritisation, of which \$40m is recommended for PDU's opex and \$60m is for the RSPF. We note the current Budget package is based on all \$200m being funded through PGF reprioritisation. The Treasury is supportive of the reprioritisation process but has suggested the \$101m is directed towards the RSPF, with PDU opex found through MBIE baselines and the remainder of the funding decided in future Budgets.</p>	DEV 7 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Ashley Stuart [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
19.	Research, Science and Innovation (MBIE)	Providing Transitional Support to R&D Performing Businesses	<p>The paper seeks agreement to provide transitional support to R&D performing businesses, who are currently in the process of transferring from Callaghan Innovation's Growth Grants to the Research and Development Tax Incentive (RDTI). We are supportive of ensuring R&D support does not decrease in the coming months as a result of the RDTI not operating as intended. The Treasury supports this paper.</p>	DEV 7 April CAB 12 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Clara Rowe [39] Jean Le Roux [35]
20.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs (MBIE)	Retail payments system: initial policy decisions to reduce merchant service fees	<p>This paper seeks agreement to establish a regulatory regime to address inefficiencies in the retail payment system and deliver long-term benefits for New Zealand merchants and consumers and agree core elements of the new regulatory regime.</p> <p>The Treasury supports the policy proposals in the paper; however, we note that this is an out-of-cycle funding request against Budget 2021 allowances. We understand that the Prime Minister's Office expects there to be an announcement on the regulatory approach in early April.</p>	DEV 7 April CAB 12 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Clara Rowe [39] Udayan Mukherjee [35]
21.	Energy and Resources (MBIE)	Updating Energy Efficiency Regulatory System for Products and Services: Agreement to Consult	<p>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.</p>	ENV 8 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development George Wibberley [39] Jean Le Roux [35]

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22.	Finance - residual liabilities (The Treasury)	Stockton Mine - Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) Project	This paper proposes an approach to go to market to seek for potential solutions to AMD treatment and require the noting of Cabinet on the approach to ensure that any additional requirements are captured up front. Following the conclusion of an EOI process, an alternative can be agreed by Cabinet. 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. The Treasury views this step as crucial to the success of the project.	ENV 8 April	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
23.	Conservation (DoC)	Improving Whitebait Management	This paper seeks agreement to amend the regulations that control white baiting and asks Cabinet to direct the DoC to gather further evidence about the current state of the whitebait fishery and to inform the public on the overall programme for whitebait management. The Treasury supports this paper.	ENV 8 April	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
24.	Conservation (DoC)	Marine Mammal Sanctuary Proposal for Te Pēwhairangi (the Bay of Islands)	This paper advises of the Minister of Conservation's intention to place a notice in the New Zealand Gazette, accompanied by a public consultation document, for the establishment of a marine mammal sanctuary in the Coastal Marine Area of Te Pēwhairangi (the Bay of Islands). The Treasury has no comments on this paper.	ENV 8 April	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
25.	Conservation (DoC)	Improving the process for reclassification of conservation portfolio stewardship land	This paper seeks agreement in-principle from Cabinet that the Conservation Act be amended to improve the process of reclassifying conservation portfolio stewardship land and informs Cabinet of the Minister of Conservation's decision to establish panels to reclassify stewardship land for the Northern South Island and the Western South Island. The Treasury supports this paper.	ENV 8 April	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
26.	[33]				
27.	Oceans and Fisheries (DoC, MPI)	The Government Strategy in response to the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan	This paper seeks support to release and implement the Government Strategy in response to the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan. The Treasury supports this paper.	ENV 8 April	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
28.	Minister of Immigration (MBIE)	Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment (COVID-19 - Visa Applications) Regulations 2021	This paper updates regulations to reflect Cabinet's decision to continue the current restriction on visa applications except where individuals have been invited to apply. The Treasury supports the paper.	LEG 8 April	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]
29.	Environment (MfE)	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendments Order (No. 4) 2021	This paper seeks authorisation to refer two construction projects to an expert consenting panel as part of the COVID-19 Fast-Track consenting process. The Treasury supports this paper.	CAB 12 April	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]

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30.	Finance (The Treasury)	Budget 2021 Package	This paper seeks approval of the Budget 2021 package (and attaches the Budget 2021 significant financial recommendations. The Treasury will prepare this paper.	CAB 12 April	Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39]
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32.	Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri paper)	Ngāti Rāua Ātiawa Iwi Trust: Resolution of the perpetual lease issues relating to Whakarewa lands in Motueka	[38]	MCR 13 April	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
33.	Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri paper)	Māori Purposes Bill draft Cabinet Paper	This paper seeks 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]	MCR 13 April	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
34.	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. The Treasury supports this paper	MCR 13 April	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
35.	Social Development and Employment (MSD)	Arrangements for the Independent Monitor of the Oranga Tamariki System	This paper proposes arrangements to support the long-term operation of the independent monitor for the Oranga Tamariki system. It seeks agreement to establish the Independent Children's Monitor as a Departmental Agency within Education Review Office to undertake the monitoring function for the Oranga Tamariki system. The Treasury will provide its view as part of the Ministerial consultation process.	SWC 14 April	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]
36.	Social Development and Employment (MSD)	The Children and Young People's Commission and Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Bill – Further Policy Decisions to Progress Legislation	This paper seeks agreement to key policy decisions needed to enable finalisation of the Children and Young People's Commission and Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Bill (the Bill), prior to formal agency consultation. The Treasury will provide its view as part of the Ministerial consultation process.	SWC 14 April	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]

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37.	Education (MoE)	Education Legislative Proposals Paper One – Public Consultation on Education and Training Amendment Bill (No 2) proposals	This paper seeks approval for public consultation on proposals for inclusion in the Education and Training Amendment Bill (No 2). The proposals focus on supporting students and the workforce and will assist in the reform of the vocational education system. The paper proposes public consultation from 21 April to 14 June 2021. The Treasury supports this paper.	SWC 14 April	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
38.	Education (MoE)	Education Legislative Proposals Paper Two - Public Consultation on Proposed Changes to School Board Elections	This paper seeks approval for public consultation on proposed changes to school board elections to support greater diversity and participation. The proposals are expected to have no, or very minor financial implications for schools. The paper proposes public consultation from 21 April to 14 June 2021. Following consultation, any required changes to primary legislation will be progressed through the Education and Training Bill (No. 2). The Treasury supports this paper.	SWC 14 April	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
39.	[33]				
40.	Justice (MoJ)	Prohibiting the use of gay conversion therapy	This paper seeks approval for the proposed scope and content of a prohibition on the use of gay conversion therapy in New Zealand. The Ministry of Justice is currently drafting the paper, so the Treasury has not yet formed a view. We understand that a further paper will be submitted after the Budget moratorium outlining details of the legislation and financial implications, including whether implementation costs (estimated by Justice to be \$1.5 million per annum) could be met within baselines.	SWC 14 April	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
41.	Climate Change (MFE)	Timeline and scope of the Government's Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP)	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 will provide further advice once we have received a draft of this paper.	CBC: 14 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Tom Wilson [35] Udayan Mukherjee [35]
42.	Transport (MoT)	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. The Treasury is still forming its view on the paper.	DEV 14 April	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]

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43.	Local Government (DIA)	Community Resilience Programme – report back and future focus	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.	DEV: 14 April	Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Patrick Kirkham [39] Udayan Mukherjee [35]
44.	Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety	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 improvements to the system that would improve the likelihood of success and better control fiscal costs. As the draft paper currently undergoing Ministerial consultation (until 7 April) has not addressed our concerns, the Treasury recommends Ministers seek changes to the proposal so that prioritisation and targeting of workforces can occur, increasing 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. We will also be providing advice on the current Ministerial consultation of the paper, before 7 April.	DEV 14 April	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]
45.	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 is still forming its view on the paper.	DEV 14 April	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
46.	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 is still forming its view on the paper.	DEV 14 April	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
47.	Transport (Ministry of Transport)	Clean Car Discount	This paper seeks initial decisions to proceed with a feebate mechanism to incentivise purchase of cleaner cars. It would enable introduction of rebates from July 2021, with further decisions on fees and rebates to be made later in 2021. The Treasury is still forming its view on the paper.	DEV 14 April	National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39]
48.	Education (Ministry of Education paper)	The Education and Training Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	This paper seeks approval to introduce the Education and Training Bill on 21 April 2021. The Bill makes minor amendments to the Education and Training Act. The Treasury supports this paper and has no further comment.	LEG 15 April	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]

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49.	Justice (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. The Treasury has no concerns with the paper.	LEG 15 April	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
50.	Land Information (Land Information New Zealand)	Modernising Landonline – Progress Update March 2021	This paper updates on the progress of modernising Landonline, New Zealand’s central register of survey and title information. The Treasury supports this paper.	GOV 15 April	Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39]
51.	[33]				
52.	Minister of Immigration (MBIE)	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	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]
53.	Children (Oranga Tamariki)	Report Back on the Implementation of Oranga Tamariki Budget 2019 Initiatives	This paper provides an update on the implementation of the OT key Budget 2019 initiatives since July 2019, in line with the agreed framework for Cabinet oversight.		Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]

7. Other Upcoming Reports -

List of reports upcoming over a three weeks period, from 29 March – 16 April not covered above.

	Topic	Timeframe	Purpose/Action	Deadline for MoF Action (if any)	Minister(s) – Primary Audience	Team Name and Contact
1.	Request to adjust the title and scope statement of Vietnam veterans' appropriation	29 March	This paper seeks Joint Ministers' agreement to adjust the title and scope statement of a non-departmental appropriation that funds medical assessments and ex-gratia payments to Vietnam veterans, so that it will also fund the monitoring and reporting of trends in their health and wellbeing as originally intended. Treasury has no concerns with the proposal.	12 April	Minister of Finance Minister for Veterans	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
2.	Health – Capital Charge	30 March	This paper responds to concerns raised by the Minister of Finance that the roll-out of the new capital charge regime in the health sector may be causing DHBs to delay projects. The Aide Memoire also provides an update on the roll-out of the new capital charge policy in the health system, and further policy considerations as part of upcoming Health and Disability System Review decisions.		Minister of Finance, Minister of Health	Health James de Hamel [35]
3.	Talking points for Cabinet paper On-Sold Canterbury Properties – Changes to Repair Costs	30 March	This paper presents talking points for the Cabinet paper being taken to DEV on 7 April.		Minister of Finance Minister responsible for the Earthquake Commission	Commercial Performance Shelley Hollingsworth [39]
4.	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]
5.	Options for providing further financial support to the Cook Islands	1 April	This report provides advice on the options for providing support to the Cook Islands, via a government-to-government or bank-to-bank concessional loan. It also notes that a decision whether to provide lending support would have foreign policy and aid policy implications.		Minister Robertson	International John-David Chaker [39]
6.	Drawing down Contingency for Addressing Supplier Contractual Obligations Arising from COVID-19 (Ministry of Education)	week of 29 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 29 March	Minister of Finance Minister of Education	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]

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7.	Revisions to the Education (School Staffing) Order (Ministry of Education)	week of 29 March	This paper proposes changes to the School Staffing Order to be made in 2021, in time for the 2022 school year. These proposals will address a number of inconsistencies between the Staffing Order, current funding policies and the staffing entitlements provided to schools. The proposals do not represent an additional funding requirement but do involve an additional cost of approximately \$1.2 million per annum that can be met from Ministry of Education baselines. Treasury was consulted on the draft paper and supports its proposals.	week of 29 March	Minister of Finance Minister of Education	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
8.	Childcare for Essential Workers at Alert Level 4 (Ministry of Education)	week of 29 March	This paper seeks your and the Minister of Education's agreement to the hourly rate and funding mechanism of an essential workers childcare scheme in the event of a move to Alert Level 4. The paper recommends a total hourly rate of \$35 per hour for the scheme, and that the scheme be funded through reprioritisation of \$15 million from the Early Learning Sustainability Fund. Treasury has worked with the Ministry of Education on the paper and supports the proposals, including the hourly rate and funding mechanism.	week of 6 April	Minister of Finance, Minister of Education	Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39]
9.	Whakatōhea: Crown Contribution	week of 29 March (paper currently with Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations)	This paper Te Arawhiti seeks Joint Ministers' agreement to make a one-off Crown contribution of [38] 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 within Te Arawhiti baselines. Treasury has no concerns with the proposal.	12 April	Minister of Finance Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister for the Environment	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
10.	Request for Fiscally Neutral Adjustments to reflect Operation Protect expenditure	week of 29 March (paper currently with Minister of Defence)	This paper seeks Joint Ministers' approval for two fiscally neutral adjustments between Vote Defence Force appropriations to reflect forecast expenditure on NZDF's COVID-19 operations in 2020/21 and for 2021/22. Treasury has no concerns with the proposal.	12 April	Minister of Finance Minister of Defence	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
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12.	Health - New Dunedin Hospital: Detailed Business Case	6 April	This paper seeks approval of the Minister of Health for the attached Cabinet paper detailing the Final Detailed Business Case for New Dunedin Hospital to be submitted to the Government Administration and Expenditure Review Committee on 15 th April.		Minister of Finance Minister of Health	Health Sebastian Doelle [35]

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13.	Clarifying the current approach to fiscal management of public sector pay equity settlements	6 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. 		Minister of Finance	Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39]
14.	Working for Families Review	6 April	This report provides advice on the scope, timing and scale of a review of Working for Families ahead of a Ministerial meeting on 13 April.	13 April	Minister for Child Poverty Reduction Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue Minister for Social Development and Employment	Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35]
15.	March 2021 Business Talks summary	6 April	This paper summarises the key messages from the Forecasting Team's discussions with businesses from a range of sectors in March 2021. A version of this summary will be included as a special topic in the Weekly Economic Update scheduled for publication on Friday 9 April.	8 April	Minister of Finance	Forecasting Team Roseanne Grant [39]
16.	CFI Responsible Investment Framework (Report 2)	7 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 public sector carbon neutral programme.	14 April subject to a potential meeting with CFI Board Chairs	Minister of Finance Minister for ACC	Financial Institutions Joseph Sant [39]
17.	Proactive Release	7 April	This paper reports to Joint Ministers of Finance, Housing and Revenue on materials to be released pertaining to recent Cabinet decision on tax measures		Minister of Finance Minister of Housing Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Felicity Barker [35]
18.	Integrity of the 39% top personal tax rate	7 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.		Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Daniel White [35]
19.	Fiscal Strategy Report – First Draft	8 April	This paper provides an early first skeleton draft on the fiscal strategy report focusing on the high-level narrative for comment.	14 April	Minister for Finance	Macroeconomic and Fiscal Policy Angus Hawkins [39]

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20.	Proactive release on Reserve Bank Act Review – reports and advice covering period December 2019 – December 2020	8 April	This is the proactive release of Reserve Bank Act Review reports and advice covering period December 2019 – December 2020. As agreed by you in report (T2020-3484). This information will be made available on the Treasury external website.	16 April	Minister of Finance	Reserve Bank Act Review Team Tamiko Bayliss [39]
21.	Overseas Investment Act: fees to support new provisions	8 April	This paper seeks agreement to new fees to accompany provisions of the Overseas Investment Amendment Bill (No 3), when they come into force. This is a joint report with Land Information New Zealand.	week of 12 April	Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker)	International Ryan Walsh [35]
22.	NZ Green Investment Finance Letter of Expectations	8 April	Initial advice on a letter of expectations for NZGIF for the year ahead. This could communicate any Budget decisions which may affect NZGIF. We recommend the letter is prepared and provided to the NZGIF Board prior to any public announcement. Our advice will also discuss how NZGIF's Statement of Performance Expectations may have to incorporate late changes, depending on those budget decisions.	22 April Dependent on budget decisions and public announcements	Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods) Minister for Climate Change	Financial Institutions Joseph Sant [39]
23.	Greater Christchurch Regeneration portfolio finances and Otakaro cost pressures	8 April	This advice provides the Ministers with an update on GCR portfolio finances, and outlines funding shortfalls facing Otakaro in the operation of the Te Pae convention centre.		Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods) Minister for Land Information	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
24.	Supplementary Estimates 2020/21 and Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22 and Supporting Information	8 April	This report seeks your approval for the Vote Finance Supplementary Estimates for 2020/21 and the Main Estimates for 2021/21 by 13 April 2020, in line with the Budget timetable for forecast agencies. The attached letters to the TR (for the Supplementary Estimates 2020/21 and the Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22) will be addressed to Hon Dr Megan Woods to seek her approval to the proposed changes and to Minister Clark and Minister Shaw (the Ministers who are responsible for appropriations that sit within Vote Finance) in the interests of good faith and no surprises.	15 April	Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods) Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr David Clark) Associate Minister of Finance (Hon James Shaw)	Finance Diana Miller [39]
25.	Final economic forecasts for the Budget Economic and Fiscal Update (BEFU) 2021	8 April	This report provides an overview of the Treasury's final economic forecasts for the Budget Economic and Fiscal Update (BEFU), which will underpin the preliminary fiscal forecasts. Changes relative to the preliminary forecasts will be highlighted.	12 April	Minister of Finance	Forecasting Team Katy Simpson [39]

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26.	Delegation of authority to the Minister of Defence to approve certain indemnities and guarantees	week of 5 April	This paper 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, rather than these needing to be considered by MoF. Treasury has no concerns with the proposal.		Minister of Finance Minister of Defence	Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39]
27.	The Treasury's response to the OAG's report on COVID-19 expenditure	week of 5 April (T2021/365)	This paper provides an update on the progress of Treasury's response and 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 to different categories of initiatives. This information has not been made public previously.	12 April	Minister of Finance	Strategic Performance Improvement Megan Taylor [39]
28.	VNZ	week of 5 April	This paper seeks agreement to the shortlisted candidates for the 2021 appointment round.		Minister of Finance Minister for Broadcasting	Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39]
29.	[33]					
30.	Flexible loss carry back – policy decisions	12 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.		Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue	Tax Strategy Jessica Rowe [35]
31.	Treasury Report: Final tax forecasts for the Budget Economic and Fiscal Update (BEFU) 2021	13 April	This paper provides an overview of the Treasury's final tax forecasts for the Budget Economic and Fiscal Update (BEFU), which will underpin the preliminary fiscal forecasts. Changes relative to the preliminary forecasts will be highlighted.	19 April	Minister of Finance	Forecasting Team Katy Simpson [39]
32.	Supplementary Estimates 2020/21 and Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22 and Supporting Information UPDATE	13 April	This report updates the Supplementary Estimates 2020/21 and Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22 and Supporting Information report to include the EQC on-solds which is going through Cabinet on 12 April.		Minister of Finance	Finance Diana Miller [39]
33.	(Updated) Aide Memoire: Introductory call with United States Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen	week of 12 April	The paper provides objectives, biographical information, talking points and background information. We intend to provide an updated version of T2021/180 (sent on 9 February) ahead of your meeting with Secretary Yellen which is tentatively set for the week of 12 April.	Meeting to be confirmed – week of 12 April	Minister Robertson	International John-David Chaker [39]

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34.	Improving strategic thinking and planning	week of 12 April (T2021/571)	This paper provides an update on the 2019/20 strategic planning pilots and outline a proposal for a new approach in 2021.	End of April	Minister of Finance	Strategic Performance Improvement Megan Taylor [39]
35.	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.		Minister of Finance Minister of State Owned Enterprises Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods)	Commercial Performance Shelley Hollingsworth [39]
36.	KiwiRail - acquisition under the Public Works Act	14 April	This paper seeks approval of the Minister for State Owned Enterprises to acquire land under the Public Works Act. We recommend that certain functions be delegated to officials.		Minister of Finance Minister for State Owned Enterprises	Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39]
37.	Treasury Report: Budget 2021 Production Process	16 April	This paper covers the Budget 2021 production process, including what key products will be produced and their scope. This Treasury Report will also provide a skeleton structure of the Budget 2021 wellbeing document.	Tuesday 20 April	Minister of Finance	Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39]
38.	Fourth 90-day review of the Emergency Notification Regime	19 April	This report assesses the case for retaining the temporary emergency notification regime in the Overseas Investment Act 2005. We recommend it is repealed and you commence the national security and public order call-in power in early June. The report also provides material to give effect to your decisions, including a draft Cabinet paper, and draft delegation and directive letters to guide the regulator.	29 April	Minister Robertson Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker)	International Michel Mathieson [35]
39.	Overseas Investment Act: draft LEG paper	21 April	This report provides a draft LEG paper proposing minor and technical amendments to the Overseas Investment Act Regulations 2005.	week of 19 April	Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker)	International Harry Nicholls [39]