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Treasury Report: Upcoming Issues Briefing for the Minister - 8 April 2021

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Action sought

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

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

| Name | Position | Telephone | 1st Contact |
|----------------|--|------------------|--------------------|
| Hermano Pinto | Advisor, Governance and Accountability ^[39] | N/A (mob) | ✓ |
| Helen Guissane | Manager, Governance and Accountability | 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. Provide any feedback you have on the following sections:
 - Section 1: Upcoming Minister's meetings
 - Section 2: Short updates
 - Section 3: Updates of Key Priorities

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Hon Grant Robertson
Minister of Finance

11/04/2021

Upcoming Issues Briefing to the Minister of Finance

8 April 2021

1. Upcoming Minister Meetings

Proposed agenda items for upcoming Weekly Agency Meetings

| Item | Description | Time | Minister's feedback |
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| | <i>Time allows for one substantive item and short updates.</i> | | |
| Meeting next week (3.30 - 4pm Thursday 8 April) | | | |
| 1. | Discussion of a judicial review | 15 minutes | |
| 2. | Any further items to be confirmed | | |
| Upcoming meetings | | | |
| 3. | | | |

Proposed agenda items for upcoming Finance Portfolio Meetings

| Item | Description | Time | Minister's feedback |
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| Meeting next week (3.30 - 4pm Thursday 8 April) | | | |
| 1. | [33] and [37] | 30 minutes | |
| Upcoming meetings | | | |
| 2. | Climate Change Funding and Financing (next meeting - 6 May) | | |
| 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 |
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| 1. | 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 (and discussion on pay parity); • Education Sector – Approach to Bargaining 2022; • Corrections – Update on Bargaining 2021; • Implementing a living wage for cleaners, caterers and security guards employed under Public Service contracts. <p>You will receive a copy of the papers – including the Central Agency overview and commentary – on 12 April.</p> | <p>Skills and Work</p> <p>Nick Carroll [39]</p> | |
| 2. | Future of Work Governance Group Meeting on 15 April | <p>The upcoming Future of Work Governance Group meeting on 15 April has the following items on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on Future of Work initiatives; • Progress on Social Unemployment Insurance; • Outline of (June) Forum session on climate change. <p>You will receive a copy of the papers on 8 April.</p> | <p>Skills and Work</p> <p>Nick Carroll [39]</p> | |
| 3. | 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 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 has been provided to you [T2021/850 refers].</p> | <p>Strategic Performance Improvement</p> <p>Megan Taylor [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 |
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| <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 Monday 12 April. • As of 9:00am on Tuesday 6 April, 77,850 applications had been received for the Resurgence Support Payment (both RSPFEB21 and RSPMAR21). The total amount applied for is \$213.61 million and with an average of \$2,743.89 per application. As of 1:00pm on 6 April, \$193.27 million had been disbursed. • As of 26 March 2021, \$173 million had been paid out under the Wage Subsidy Scheme (WSSMAR21). • In response to the commissioning of 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 - No change from last week</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 intends to take a paper on commercial leases to DEV on 14 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 suggested feedback for Ministerial consultation proposing that MOJ undertake wider consultation, as anecdotal evidence suggests that rent continues to be an issue for businesses. • In response to your feedback on last week's Upcoming Issues Briefing, we will engage with MOJ on the deemed clauses option in legislation. <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 12 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 work 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). | <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. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasury previously advised against introducing amendments given the small scale of the problem (vaccination uptake for border workers is already high), the limited benefit of the intervention, and the risks to social license. We are also concerned by the potential flow-on impacts of the proposed redundancy compensation. <p>Borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The all-of-government border strategy sprint project completed its deliverable on Wednesday 31 March. We understand that Minister Hipkins has received an update on the work. The next stages of this work are still to be confirmed, as is the process for engaging a wider set of Ministers. We understand advice on the work and work programme next steps may be provided to support Ministerial discussion in mid-April. 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. The Government announced that two-way quarantine-free travel with Australia will commence at 11:59pm on 18 April. This is expected to free up a maximum of 1,000-1,300 MIQ rooms per fortnight. A final assessment of the health risks from the recent Queensland outbreak and infection control audits of New Zealand airports will be completed on 16 April. | | |

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| <p>Wellbeing approach</p> | <p><i>No change from last week</i></p> <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 on from the first volume released in 2014. The report gives detailed information on worldwide trends in well-being and inequality since 1820 across nine indicators, including educational achievement, biodiversity and gender inequality. The high-level finding is that average well-being has increased worldwide and well-being inequality has fallen overall, despite episodes of rising income inequality. New Zealand is not referenced in the report. Engagement on the Living Standards Framework refresh continues. This week includes a roundtable discussion on the potential changes with Arthur Grimes, Girol Karacaoglu, Conal Smith, Paul Dalziel and Caroline Saunders. <p>Child Poverty and Vulnerable Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Treasury is working on updated Child Poverty projections. Timelines are dependent on Stats NZ release dates which have not yet been confirmed. We 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 on 19 April. 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 the reform will be agreed via the Budget Cabinet paper on 12 April. A Senior Officials Group meeting is currently scheduled for 13 April. We understand a Ministers Oversight Group meeting is possibly also being scheduled ahead of reform announcements. We understand the Minister of Health is working towards making a public announcement on the system operating model on 21 April (date tbd). This would be a pre-Budget announcement. | <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"> The Treasury is working with your office to determine on which date the Transmission Gully Interim Review Report and the related Transmission Gully COVID-19 Proactive Release will be published, following Cabinet consideration on 12 April. On 21 April you will be meeting with Te Waihanga to discuss your feedback on their 30-year infrastructure strategy consultation document, before its planned launch on 6 May. We expect you will receive the IRG Tranche 10 Approval Report from CIP on 28 April. | | |
| Housing | <p>Supply Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are supporting officials at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) as they prepare advice on the high-level design of the infrastructure fund. <p>Tax Measures - No change from last week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government has extended the bright-line test to 10 years and will consult on the policy to limit the interest deductions available for income earned from residential property. <p>Resource Management Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An exposure draft, accompanying material, and select committee inquiry information is expected to go to the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee on 20 May. Upcoming decisions include plan decision making, public participation, and the role and meaning of Te Mana o te Taiao in resource management. Ministerial subgroups will be set up to help land decisions and support the ministerial oversight group process. <p>Budget 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The housing Budget package was confirmed at Budget Ministers 3 and 4 and decisions have now been bilateralised, including a further change to the Kāinga Ora Sustainable Funding initiative. 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>Supply Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to work with MHUD officials as they report back on further details of the fund, including alignment with existing infrastructure processes and ongoing collective Ministerial oversight across central Government alignment. That process will involve officials from a number of agencies, including Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) and the Infrastructure Commission: Te Waihanga. <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. | |

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| | <p>Estimates for Vote HUD are still being finalised, as these are affected by changes to mains benefits. Officials from The Treasury, HUD 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> | <p>Resource Management Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No upcoming advice this week. <p>Budget 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No upcoming advice this week. | |

4. Key Upcoming Decisions

List of reports requiring decisions from the Minister by 16 April.

| | Topic | Timeframe | Purpose / action | Deadline for MoF Action | Minister(s) – Primary audience | Team Name and Contact |
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| 1. | Three Waters Ministers Meeting 8 April | 7 April | This paper provides a briefing for the Three Waters Ministers meeting on 8 April. Discussion topics are design of the new water entities, consumer protection, iwi/Māori rights and interests, stewardship and transition. | 8 April | Minister of Finance | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |
| 2. | Three Waters Ministers Meeting 12 April | 9 April | This paper provides a briefing for the Three Waters Ministers meeting on 12 April. Topics for discussion are: number and boundaries of entities, and reform strategy. | 12 April | Minister of Finance | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |
| 3. | Update on disclosure of executive remuneration | 2 March | This paper provides an update on how Ministers expectations regarding remuneration disclosure were met in Annual Reports and suggested next steps for communicating expectations to companies and entities. | 13 April | Minister of Finance | Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39] |
| 4. | Advice on the Working for Families Review | 7 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. It seeks direction for the review on some key design choices including the balance between the objectives, whether to expand or target WFF more, and whether in-work support should be available to working beneficiaries. | 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] |
| 5. | NZ Green Investment Finance Letter of Expectations | 8 April | This paper provides advice on a letter of expectations for NZGIF for the year ahead. This will provide advice and options to support preferences you may have for the allocation of NZGIF's increased capital budget. | 14 April | Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods) Minister for Climate Change | Financial Institutions Joseph Sant [39] |
| 6. | Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Letter of Expectations | 8 April | This paper provides a draft letter of expectations for signing and sending to the Chair of Tupu Tonu – Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited. | 14 April | Minister of Finance Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations | Financial Institutions Joseph Sant [39] |
| 7. | CFI Responsible Investment Framework (Report 2) | 8 April | This paper provides advice on the best practice approach to achieving Carbon neutrality from the Crown's investment funds and discusses the feasibility of achieving this within the ambition set by the 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] |

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| 8. | [33] and [37] | | | | | |
| 9. | | | | | | |
| 10. | Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020 – Pipeline and enabling decisions | 8 April | This report provides an update on the transaction pipeline that Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) has developed for the Infrastructure Funding and Financing (IFF) tool. The paper also seeks agreement to use \$50 million from the existing CIP appropriation more flexibly to progress the IFF transactions. | 20 April | Minister of Finance | Housing & Urban Growth John Beaglehole [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 |
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| 1. | Fiscal Calculator | Regular – Every Friday before Cabinet | 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). An updated tracker of CRRF charges is provided alongside the fiscal calculator each week that a new charge has been recorded. | None | Minister of Finance | Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39] |
| 2. | Weekly Economic Update publication | Every Thursday 8 April; 15 April; 22 April. | This report provides Ministers with updates and relevant information regarding select companies and entities monitored by the Treasury. | Each Friday morning 9 – published on Treasury website by 12pm each Friday | Minister of Finance | Forecasting Nairn MacGibbon [39] |
| 3. | Commercial Performance State of Play | Fortnightly (last report on 7 April) | This report provides Ministers with updates and relevant information regarding select companies and entities monitored by the Treasury. | None | 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 [39] Shelley Hollingsworth [39] |

6. Upcoming Cabinet Papers

List of Cabinet papers upcoming over 12 April – 23 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) | Budget 2021 Package | This paper seeks approval of the Budget 2021 package (and attaches the Budget 2021 significant financial recommendations. | CAB 12 April | Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39] |
| 2. [1] | | | | | |
| 3. | Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade) | Responding to the Short Term Economic Impacts of COVID-19 in Fiji | This paper seeks approval to allocate NZ\$40 million from existing aid programme resources to provide budget support to Fiji. This builds on previous budget support of \$4.4 million and donations to the World Health Organisation's COVAX programme, which will provide vaccines to Fiji. The Treasury supports this paper. | ERS 13 April | International Hugo Van Dyke [39] |
| 4. | Office of the Minister for National Security and Intelligence (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet) | Government response to the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch masjidain: Addressing the issues raised with the Intelligence and Security Act 2017 | This paper seeks agreement to bring forward the periodic review of the Intelligence and Security Act 2017 to respond to the recommendation in the Royal Commission Report. We understand that there will be no financial implications, with any funding requirements being met through baselines. The paper is still being developed but we do not expect to have any concerns with the paper. | ERS 13 April | Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39] |
| 5. | Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri paper) | Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust: Resolution of the perpetual lease issues relating to Whakarewa lands in Motueka | [38] | MCR April 13 | Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39] |
| 6. | Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri paper) | Māori Purposes Bill draft Cabinet Paper | This paper seeks agreement to legislative amendments to a number of statutes 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 April 13 | Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39] |

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| 7. | Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri paper) | United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Next Steps for a Declaration Plan | This paper seeks Cabinet 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 April 13 | Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39] |
| 8. | Oranga Tamariki | Report Back on the Implementation of Oranga Tamariki Budget 2019 Initiatives | This paper provides a report back on the implementation of Oranga Tamariki's Budget 2019 initiatives (as mandated by Cabinet). It also provides a brief update on Oranga Tamariki's Strategy, noting that the Minister will report back to Cabinet before the end of 2021. The Treasury supports this paper. However, notes that further evidence on the effectiveness of the investment's outcomes is required in future iterations. In particular, Treasury supports the recommendation to continue with six monthly reports to Cabinet on the implementation of Budget 2019 funding. We note that future iterations of the report back should take into account OT's Strategy and report back on any pivots to its operating model as a result of advice from the Ministerial Advisory Board. This should include whether baseline funding will be reprioritised (and include a plan for this). | SWC 14 April | Welfare and Oranga Tamariki Keiran Kennedy [35] |
| 9. | Social Development and Employment (Ministry of Social Development) | 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] |
| 10. | Social Development and Employment (Ministry of Social Development) | 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 the 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] |
| 11. | Education (Ministry of Education paper) | 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] |
| 12. | Education (Ministry of Education paper) | 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] |

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| 13. | [33] | | | | |
| 14. | Justice (Ministry of Justice) | Prohibiting the use of gay conversion therapy | This paper seeks approval for the proposed scope of a prohibition on the use of gay conversion therapy in New Zealand so that the Ministry of Justice can urgently progress drafting of the Bill. The paper signals that an estimated \$1.5 million per annum may be required to implement the proposed scope, however, the financial implications will be confirmed in a future Cabinet paper seeking final approval to submit the Bill. Treasury has no concerns with the paper. | SWC 14 April | Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39] |
| 15. | 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. The Treasury supports this paper. | DEV 14 April | Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Taylor Farr [35] Jean Le Roux [35] |
| 16. | 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] |
| 17. | Transport (Ministry of Transport) | The Future of Rail: Rail Track User Charge | This paper seeks 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 supports the paper but notes that the costs of this proposal, insofar as it affects KiwiRail, are likely to sit with the Crown and are likely to impact future Budget bids by KiwiRail. | DEV 14 April | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |
| 18. | Economic Development (MBIE) | Shaping the Crown's approach to the New Zealand screen sector | This paper fulfils the report-back requirement on the fiscal sustainability of the SPG but does not make concrete commitments concerning fiscal control of the grant – Treasury would favour a stronger approach. The Treasury is supportive of the direction of the work, though we consider there to be considerable fiscal sustainability issues inherent in the current design of the Screen Production Grants. The Treasury supports this paper. | DEV 14 April | Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Tayla Forward [35] Jean Le Roux [35] |
| 19. | Transport (Ministry of Transport) | Sustainable Transport Biofuels Mandate – proposed design for public consultation | This paper seeks agreement to the release of a public consultation document introducing the preferred design for a domestic sustainable transport biofuels mandate, with a report back to Cabinet by September 2021. The Treasury supports this paper. | DEV 14 April | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |

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| 20. | Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety | Fair Pay Agreements: Approval to draft legislation | <p>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.</p> <p>The Treasury has 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 is paper currently undergoing Ministerial consultation (until 7 April) has not addressed our concerns. We recommend 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.</p> | DEV 14 April | Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39] |
| 21. | 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 does not support this paper. | DEV 14 April | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |
| 22. | Transport (Ministry of Transport) | Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM) Review Discussion Paper | This paper seeks agreement to the publication of a discussion paper to support sector engagement on the PTOM Review. The Treasury is still forming its view on the paper. | DEV 14 April | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |
| 23. | 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] |
| 24. | Economic Development (MBIE) | Shaping the Crown's approach to the New Zealand screen sector | This paper fulfils the report-back requirement on the fiscal sustainability of the SPG but does not make concrete commitments concerning fiscal control of the grant – Treasury would favour a stronger approach. Treasury is supportive of the direction of the work, though we consider there to be considerable fiscal sustainability issues inherent in the current design of the Screen Production Grants. The Treasury supports this paper. | DEV 14 April | Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Tayla Forward [35] Jean Le Roux [35] |
| 25. | Justice (Ministry of Justice) | COVID-19: Report back on further work to resolve commercial lease disputes | This paper seeks agreement that Government intervention in commercial leases is no longer desirable, to discontinue the voluntary mediation and arbitration service for commercial lease disputes and return \$19 million of unspent funding to the centre. For Ministerial consultation we suggested raising the need for the Ministry of Justice to carry out broader consultation with business to more definitively determine whether there is an ongoing requirement for Government intervention, as we understand rent costs continue to be of concern within the business community. | DEV 14 April | Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39] |

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| 26. | Finance (The Treasury) | Reserve Bank Act Review – Deposit Takers Bill (suite of 4 papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • Prudential Framework • Deposit Insurance • Crisis Management | These papers provide an overview, and also three detailed decision papers that seek agreement to a set of recommendations that will design a new prudential framework for deposit taking institutions alongside a strengthened crisis management regime and introduce deposit insurance. | DEV 14 April CAB 19 April | Reserve Bank Act Review Tamiko Bayliss [39] Chris Hunt [39] |
| 27. | Conservation (Department of Conservation) | 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 15 April | Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39] |
| 28. | Conservation (Department of Conservation) | Improving Whitebait Management | This paper seeks agreement to amend the regulations that control whitebaiting and asks Cabinet to direct the Department of Conservation 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 15 April | Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39] |
| 29. | Oceans and Fisheries (Ministry for Primary Industries) Conservation (Department of Conservation) | 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 and has no further comments. | ENV 15 April | Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39] |
| 30. | Conservation (Department of Conservation) | 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 15 April | Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39] |
| 31. | [33] | | | | |
| 32. | Energy and Resources (MBIE) | Updating Energy Efficiency Regulatory System for Products and Services: Agreement to Consult | This paper seeks agreement to release a public consultation document on proposals to enhance the energy efficiency regulatory system for products and services. The Treasury will not provide further briefing on this paper. The Treasury supports this paper. | ENV 15 April | Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development George Wibberley [39] Jean Le Roux [35] |

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| 33. | Education (Ministry of Education paper) | The Education and Training Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction | This paper seeks Cabinet approval to introduce the Education and Training Bill on 21 April 2021. The Bill makes minor amendments to the Education and Training Act. Treasury supports this paper and has no further comment. | LEG 15 April | Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39] |
| 34. | 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. Treasury has no concerns with the paper. | LEG 15 April | Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39] |
| 35. | [33] | | | | |
| 36. | 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 19 April | Transitions, Regions, and Economic Development Tom Wilson [35] Udayan Mukherjee [35] |
| 37. | Transport (Ministry of Transport) | Discussion document: 'Hikina 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. | CBC 19 April | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |
| 38. | Arts, Culture and Heritage (MCH) | Government Indemnity of Touring Exhibitions Scheme: Applications for Exhibitions in 2021 and 2022 | This paper seeks agreement to temporarily lift the standard limits of the Government Indemnity of Touring Exhibitions Scheme over 2021 and 2022. This would enable indemnification of two exhibitions scheduled to be shown in New Zealand at Te Papa and City Gallery Wellington. Treasury has no concerns with the paper. | CBC 19 April | Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39] |
| 39. | 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 TBC | Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39] |

7. Other Upcoming Reports -

List of reports upcoming over a three weeks period, from 05 April – 23 April not covered above.

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| 1. | Work Programme Alignment and Strategic Considerations | 6 April | This paper provides context for the discussion on this topic at the WAM. | 8 April | Minister of Finance | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |
| 2. | Stockton Mine AMD Project | 8 April | This paper provides speaking notes to accompany the Cabinet Paper going to ENV on 8 April. | | Minister of Finance | Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39] |
| 3. | Aide Memoire: Budget Economic and Fiscal Update 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. | 9 April | Minister of Finance | Forecasting Team Roseanne Grant [39] |
| 4. | Proactive Release | 8 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] |
| 5. | Ratepayer Financing Scheme advice | 8 April | This paper provides advice on the Ratepayer Financing Scheme developed by Cameron Partners for LGNZ, to be discussed at the (yet to be scheduled) Central-Local Government Forum | | Minister of Finance | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |
| 6. | Greater Christchurch Regeneration portfolio finances and Otakaro cost pressures | 8 April | This paper 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] |
| 7. | Treasury Report: Final economic forecasts for the Budget Economic and Fiscal Update (BEFU) 2021 | 8 April | This paper 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] |
| 8. | Health - New Dunedin Hospital: Detailed Business Case | 8 April | This paper seeks approval of the Minister of Health for an 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 April. | 15 April (ahead of GOV) | Minister of Finance, Minister of Health | Health Sebastian Doelle [35] |
| 9. | Pay parity in the health sector | 8 April | This paper provides information on initial estimates of pay parity costs in the health sector, ahead of the 14 April discussion at the Ministerial Oversight Group on State Sector Reform (MoGSSER). | 14 April (ahead of MoGSSER) | Minister of Finance | Health James de Hamel [35] |

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| 10. | Minister Meeting Briefing T2021/879: Talking points for Cabinet papers on the Deposit Takers Act - for DEV meeting 14 April 2021 | 8 April | This paper provides talking points for you on the Deposit Takers Act for the DEV meeting on 14 April. | DEV 14 April | Minister of Finance | Reserve Bank Act Review Tamiko Bayliss [39] |
| 11. | Supplementary Estimates 2020/21 and Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22 and Supporting Information | 8 April | This paper 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 in the interests of good faith and no surprises, the Ministers who are responsible for appropriations that sit within Vote Finance. | 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] |
| 12. | Overview of the IMF's World Economic Outlook and Fiscal Monitor reports | 9 April | This paper provides an overview of the IMF's World Economic Outlook and Fiscal Monitor reports. | | Minister of Finance | Forecasting Team Katy Simpson [39] |
| 13. | [38] | | | | | |
| 14. | New Zealand Infrastructure Commission | Week of 6 April | This paper seeks agreement to fees exception for members of NZ InfraCom (Te Waihanga) | 30 April | Minister of Finance | Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39] |

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| 15. | Drawing down Contingency for Addressing Supplier Contractual Obligations Arising from COVID-19 (Ministry of Education paper) | Week of 6 April | 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. The Treasury has seen a draft of the paper and provided feedback to the Ministry of Education. We can provide advice to your office if required. | 12 April | Minister of Finance, Minister of Education | Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39] |
| 16. | Revisions to the Education (School Staffing) Order (Ministry of Education paper) | Week of 6 April | 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 13 April | Minister of Finance, Minister of Education | Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39] |
| 17. | Childcare for Essential Workers at Alert Level 4 (Ministry of Education paper) | Week of 6 April | 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 26 April | Minister of Finance, Minister of Education | Education and Population Agencies Nicky Lynch [39] |
| 18. | Whakatōhea: Crown Contribution | Week of 6 April (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 (ahead of Budget moratorium) | Minister of Finance Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister for the Environment | Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39] |
| 19. | Tū te Whaihanga exhibition at Tairāwhiti Museum: extension of indemnity | Week of 6 April | This paper seeks agreement in principle to extend the expiry date of the current Deed of Indemnity for the Tū te Whaihanga exhibition at Tairāwhiti Museum, from 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2022. This will help ensure safe movement of the taonga by iwi representatives and mitigate current health risks associated with international travel. Should you agree, MCH will work with Tairāwhiti Museum and Treasury to finalise an amended Deed of Indemnity Deed, which Treasury will then forward for your signature. | | Minister of Finance | Justice, Security and Government Services Colin Hall [39] |

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| 20. | TVNZ | Week of 6 April | This paper seeks agreement to the shortlisted candidates for the TVNZ 2021 appointment round. | | Minister of Finance Minister for Broadcasting | Governance and Appointments Gael Webster [39] |
| 21. | Electricity Corporation of New Zealand | 12 April | This paper provides further information on the wind up of the Electricity Corporation of New Zealand. | | Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises | Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39] |
| 22. | Flexible loss carry back – policy decisions | 12 April | This paper 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] |
| 23. | The Treasury's response to the OAG's report on COVID-19 expenditure (T2021/365) | 12 April | This paper updates you 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. 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. | 16 April | Minister of Finance | Strategic Performance Improvement Megan Taylor [39] |
| 24. | 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] |
| 25. | 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] |
| 26. | Supplementary Estimates 2020/21 and Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22 and Supporting Information | 14 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] |

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| 27. | Changes to the settlement of aquaculture space in the Hauraki Gulf. | 15 April | This paper seeks agreement 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. The addendum implements a settlement for further new aquaculture space in the region. We will provide a Treasury Report to inform your decisions. | 26 April | Minister of Finance | Natural Resources Gwen Rashbrooke [39] |
| 28. | Fiscal Strategy Report – First Draft | 15 April | This paper provides an early first skeleton draft on the fiscal strategy report focusing on the high-level narrative for comment. | 20 April | Minister for Finance | Macroeconomic and Fiscal Policy Angus Hawkins [39] |
| 29. | Meeting with Te Waihangā on the 30-year Infrastructure Strategy Consultation launch | 15 April | This paper provides advice to support the Minister (in his capacity as Minister for Infrastructure) in his meeting with Te Waihangā on its planned 30-year infrastructure strategy consultation launch. | 21 April | Minister for Infrastructure | National Infrastructure Unit David Taylor [39] |
| 30. | NZ Post | 15 April | This paper provides background information on NZ Post, to inform Hon Dr Megan Woods in her new role as shareholding Minister of NZ Post. It covers relevant issues and areas of monitoring focus. | | Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Megan Woods) | Commercial Performance Shelley Hollingsworth [39] |
| 31. | Clarifying the current approach to fiscal management of public sector pay equity settlements | 15 April | This paper responds to questions from the Minister/Minister's Office regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Treasury's approach to estimating, managing, and disclosing the estimated fiscal cost of future pay equity settlements, and existing and potential fiscal management options. | | Minister of Finance | Skills and Work Nick Carroll [39] |
| 32. | Joint LINZ/Treasury paper: Fees for new requirements in the Overseas Investment Amendment Regulations | 15 April | This paper seeks agreement to interim fees for new pathways introduced in the Overseas Investment Amendment Bill (No 3), These need to be included in regulations and implemented in time for the Bill's entry into force. | 23 April | Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) | International John-David Chaker [39] |
| 33. | 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. | 20 April | Minister of Finance | Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39] |

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| 34. | Improving strategic thinking and planning (T2021/571) | Week of 12 April | This paper provides an update on the 2019/20 strategic planning pilots and outlines a proposal for a new approach in 2021. | End of April | Minister of Finance | Strategic Performance Improvement Megan Taylor [39] |
| 35. | Continuing the indemnities for the Treasury's secondees to international financial institutions | Week of 12 April | This paper seeks your decision on whether indemnities should remain in place for the Treasury's secondees to the IMF, World Bank and Asian Development Bank, who are not covered by ACC because they are directly employed by those international financial institutions. | 19 April | Minister Robertson | International Rebecca Mountfort [39] |
| 36. | (Updated) Aide Memoire: Introductory call with United States Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen | Week of 12 April | This paper provides an updated version of T2021/180 (sent on 9 February) ahead of your meeting with Secretary Yellen which is confirmed for 15 April. The paper provides objectives, biographical information, talking points and background information. | 15 April | Minister Robertson | International John-David Chaker [39] |
| 37. | 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] |
| 38. | Indemnity Request from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for offshore employees unable to obtain personal insurance | 21 April | This paper seeks your approval to provide indemnity offshore staff (and their families) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade who are unable to obtain personal insurance, car insurance and accident insurance. | 28 April | Minister Robertson | International Maisie Thursfield [39] |
| 39. | Landcorp - Waitangirua | 22 April | This paper seeks agreement on the expectations associated with the proposed sale of a piece of land currently held under the Protected Land Agreement (PLA), but no longer required for treaty settlements, and provide a draft letter for Ministers to send to the Chair of Landcorp expressing these expectations (which is a requirement under the PLA). | Early-May | Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) Minister for State Owned Enterprises | Commercial Performance Maureena van der Lem [39] |
| 40. | Treasury Report: BEFU 2021 Specific Fiscal Risks | 22 April | This report outlines the Specific Fiscal Risks (SFRs) that will be published in the 2021 Budget Economic and Fiscal Update (BEFU) and will seek your agreement to exclude any risk(s) under section 26V of the Public Finance Act (PFA). | 27 April | Minister of Finance | Budget Management Tom Hall [39] Simon Duncan [39] |

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| 41. | Integrity of the 39% top personal tax rate | 22 April | This paper reports back to Joint Ministers of Finance and Revenue on measures to mitigate integrity risks associated with companies, trusts and PIEs to support the new top personal tax rate. The report also seeks confirmation of a work programme and timeframes to implement the integrity measures, noting the integrity work is included in the draft Tax Policy Work Programme for Joint Ministers' approval. | | Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue | Tax Strategy Daniel White [35] |
| 42. | Tax Policy Work Programme | 22 April | This report proposes an 18 month Tax Policy Work Programme (TPWP) for Joint Ministers of Finance and Revenue approval that aligns with the Revenue Strategy. The report highlights key trade-offs for prioritising work programmes within the TPWP and proposes options to publish the TPWP. | | Minister of Finance Minister of Revenue | Tax Strategy Daniel White [35] |
| 43. | Review of Current Funding and Financing Arrangements for Kāinga Ora | 22 April | This paper seeks the agreement of joint Ministers to either a \$1.2 billion increase in Kāinga Ora's external borrowing limit through to 30 June 2022, or for Kāinga Ora to borrow an equivalent amount from the Crown. | | Minister of Finance Minister of Housing | Housing & Urban Growth John Beaglehole [39] |
| 44. | Overseas Investment Act: fees to support new provisions | 24 April | This paper, a joint report with Land Information New Zealand, seeks agreement to new fees to accompany provisions of the Overseas Investment Amendment Bill (No 3), when they come into force. | Week of 3 May | Associate Minister of Finance (Hon David Parker) | International Ryan Walsh [35] |
| 45. | [33] | | | | | |
| 46. | Indemnity Request from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on behalf of Polynesian countries – Pfizer/BioNTech | Week of 19 April | This paper seeks your approval to provide an indemnity to Pfizer/BioNTech on behalf of Polynesian countries, as part of entering into a formalised agreement for New Zealand to purchase COVID-19 vaccines for use in these countries. A business case drafted by MFAT will accompany this report. | | Minister Robertson | International Maisie Thursfield [39] |