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Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 15 June 2022. You requested:

any advice or assessment on the impacts of "long covid" on New Zealand (for example, on the economy, the costs of the health or welfare systems, or on unemployment rates).

The Treasury does not hold any information relevant to your request. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act – that the information requested is not held by the department and there is no reason to think that transferring the request would yield the information from another source.

The Ministry of Health continues to monitor developments in relation to 'long COVID', and The Treasury will consider the economic impacts of these developments accordingly. You can find information and analysis of the economic impact of COVID-19 more generally on our website: <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/new-zealand-economy/covid-19-economic-response/commentary>.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act. This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

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

Yours sincerely

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