

Reference: 20220322

2 September 2022



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 12 August 2022. You requested in relation to [Oral Question 2 – Finance – 11 Aug 2022](#):

...a copy of the formal advice Hon Grant Robertson sought “on further support for low and middle income New Zealanders not receiving the winter energy payment on 21 March

... a copy of final advice provided to the Minister on this matter.

Information publicly available

The information covered by your request has recently been released on the following website:

Date	Document Description	Website Address
25 March 2022	Potential one-off Cost of Living payment in 2022	https://budget.govt.nz/information-release/2022/pdf/b22-t2022-674-ir2022-147-4657982.pdf

Further advice relating to that payment is available on the budget proactive release website below:

<https://budget.govt.nz/information-release/2022/index.htm>.

Accordingly, I have refused your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act: *the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.*

Some relevant information has been removed from documents and should continue to be withheld under the Official Information Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

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

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Bond". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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