

Reference: 20220519

19 December 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 28 November 2022.
You requested:

Any available information relating to any payments made by government to any person, company or other for advice sought in relation to covid modelling or predictions'

The Treasury has previously contracted Wigram Capital to provide COVID-19 modelling. This included the amount of \$40,000 (exc. GST) in 2021/22

We have previously released some of this advice here:

<https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2022-03/oia-20210314.pdf>

Funding has also previously been provided to other agencies, including the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Ministry of Health, to contract COVID-19 modelling. COVID-19 spending decisions have been published on our website here:

<https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/budgets/covid-19-funding-allocation-expenditure>

If you want further information on how that funding has been used, you will need to contact those agencies.

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

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