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Dear Matthew

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 26 October 2021. You requested:

all reports prepared by Treasury for Grant Robertson and/or other ministers analysing the long 2020 and 2021 national and Auckland Covid lockdowns (26 March to 27 May 2020 and 17 August 2021 to today's date) using the 12 domains and four capital stocks of the Living Standards Framework described at and from the links at <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/nz-economy/higher-living-standards/our-living-standards-framework>

While the Treasury's advice on a range of COVID-19 policies considers potential impacts on various domains of wellbeing, the Treasury has not prepared a report that analyses the specific impact of any given lockdown using the Living Standards Framework (LSF).

More generally the Living Standards Framework is tool that supports the Treasury to consider the broader impacts of our policy advice in a systematic way. This means we use the LSF and He Ara Waiora in our work, but we do not specifically report against these frameworks in every piece of advice.

The Treasury prepared a report in July 2020 that identified the impact of lockdowns generally (among other aspects of COVID-19) on wellbeing using the LSF and He Ara Waiora (a waiora framework built on te ao Māori knowledge and perspectives of wellbeing). This report can be found here: <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2020-08/dp20-02-covid-19-impacts-on-wellbeing-v2.pdf>.

The Treasury has also done work on the economic and fiscal impacts of recent Alert Level decisions. The Treasury included an analysis of these impacts in its publicly available 20 August 2021 Weekly Economic Update. This update can be found here: <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/weu/weekly-economic-update-20-august-2021>. In addition, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) will be proactively releasing Alert Level decision-making Cabinet papers which pull together advice from the Director-General of Health, the Treasury, and other agencies. This information will be proactively released on the DPMC website here: <https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/proactive-release-cabinet-material>.

Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available on the Treasury website:

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1.	July 2020	Living Standards Framework and He Ara Wairora. COVID-19: Impacts on Welbeing	https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2020-08/dp20-02-covid-19-impacts-on-welbeing-v2.pdf
2.	August 2021	Weekly Economic Update - 20 August 2021	https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/weu/weekly-economic-update-20-august-2021

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the document listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act, as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents 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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