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Dear Margaret

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 16 April 2022. You requested:

I request any advice, reports, and analysis the Treasury has drafted or provided on the subject of rent controls during the period 1 January 2017 to 16 April 2022.

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.	7 December 2020	T2020/3529 - Treasury Report: Outline of measures to moderate house price growth	https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2021-04/tax-housing-4380109.pdf
2.	13 August 2020	T2020/2845 - Treasury Report: Current suite of policies available to respond to a resurgence	https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2022-02/oia-20210011.pdf

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table 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 listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the Official Information Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

Further information

You may also be interested in the following publicly available information:

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
3.	24 March 2020	Briefing proactively released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Covid-19: Residential Tenancies Act amendments	https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/Proactive-Releases/proactive-release/Covid-19-Residential-Tenancies-Act-amendments.pdf
4.	21 January 2021, 11 February 2021, 26 February 2021	Three documents released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development under the Official Information Act, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Options for rent indexation and further protection for tenants• Speaking points: options for protecting renters from the impacts of demand side measures• Findings from a literature scan on rent regulation	https://www.hud.govt.nz/assets/News-and-Resources/Proactive-Releases/DOIA2021070595-response.pdf
5.	7 September 2021	Cabinet paper proactively released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development - Policy decisions for amending the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 in response to COVID-19 outbreaks (includes advice on not reinstating a rent freeze for the Winter 2021 lockdown)	https://www.hud.govt.nz/assets/News-and-Resources/Proactive-Releases/02-REDACTED-Cab-paper-policy-decisions-Residential-Tenancies-Act-1986-Proposed-Amendments-in-Response-to-COVID-19.pdf

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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