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Dear A Templeman

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 26 April 2018. You requested:

“Please supply any documents held by Treasury (including reports, briefings, aide-mémoires and other documents) that discuss universal basic income proposals, pilots or initiatives.”

Information Being Released

The following documents will be released to you tomorrow.

Item	Date	Document Description
1.	25 September 2017	The income tax and transfer system: issues and options
2.	6 September 2000	Negative Income Tax Systems
3.	18 October 2010	Modelling a Cost-Neutral Guaranteed Minimum Income (GMI) Scheme – Welfare Working Group 2010
4.	7 April 2017	The Treasury's position on income adequacy and poverty: previous advice and potential directions

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure of information for improper gain or improper advantage.

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In addition, sections of the documents listed in the table have been withheld as they contain information not relevant to your request.

Information Publicly Available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available. Both of these website addresses have links to this document and could provide further useful information on a UBI in New Zealand.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Addresses
1.	18/10/2010	Welfare Working Group – Options for Reform. A Guaranteed Minimum Income for New Zealand A Preliminary Assessment of the Tax and Equity Implications	http://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/ArcAggregator/arcView/frameView/IE3316267/ http://ips.ac.nz/WelfareWorkingGroup/Index.html https://www.victoria.ac.nz/sacl/centres-and-institutes/cagtr/twg/session-topics

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 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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