

Matthew Hooton

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Ref: H202002464

Dear Mr Hooton

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 20 April 2020 for:

“Under the Official Information Act, I request all formal, written advice given by the Ministry of Health to Ministers and/or other departments (eg, DPMC, Treasury, SSC, MBIE, Ministry of Social Development etc) on the public-health implications of economic depression or recession and unemployment, which was intended to assist the Cabinet in making its decision today on whether or not to extend Level 4 of the current lockdown.”

We understand that information that informed the Cabinet decision on 20 April 2020 will be released on the Government’s website in the coming weeks (COVID19.govt.nz).

However, given the specific nature of your request, following consultation we can advise the Ministry has not provided information as detailed in your request. As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as this information does not exist.

We do apologise for the inaccurate refusal you previously received regarding this request that indicated that the information requested would soon be publicly available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely



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Office of the Director-General

