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Dear Mr Ben Smith

**Official Information Act request relating to COVID-19 and modelling for extending Alert Level 4**

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 1 May 2020. You requested:

*"I would like to request under the OIA copies of all of the modeling that was considered by the Prime Minister, her office, and the Cabinet in making this decision to extend the Level 4 lockdown - both (1) scientific pandemic modeling around the prediction of the pandemic spread, as well as (2) any economic modeling predicting economic outcomes under different courses of action. This would include any scientific papers or scientific reports but could also include modeling in other formats, like executive summaries from modeling reports or any electronic modeling data or online resources or outputs of models that may have been considered by cabinet.*

*If it is difficult to ascertain which particular modeling received by the PM and Cabinet was actually considered by them, please simply send all relevant modeling that they received in order to make this decision."*

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister has 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett  
**Manager, Ministerial Services**