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Dear Mr Ben Smith

Official Information Act request relating to COVID-19 modeling for extending level 4 lockdown

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 8 May 2020. You requested:

"...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."

The information you have requested will be proactively released on the All of Government's COVID-19 website. Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act, the information requested will soon be publicly available.

I can also advise that the Government has proactively released a significant volume of information that informed decisions made on COVID-19, which you can find at the following address (<https://covid19.govt.nz/resources/key-documents-and-legislation/proactive-release/>). This information includes material received by Ministers up to and including 17 April 2020. Further information relating to Government decision-making on COVID-19 will be added to this proactive release on a regular publication cycle going forward.

The Ministry of Health has also proactively released information relating to modelling undertaken in relation to COVID-19, which you can find at the following address: <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/covid-19-modelling-and-other-commissioned-reports>

Additionally, the Treasury has proactively released information relating to economic scenarios in relation to COVID-19, which you can find at the following address: <https://treasury.govt.nz/publications/tr/treasury-report-t2020-973-economic-scenarios-13-april-2020>

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff