



28 October 2021

Simon Varitas

By email: fyi-request-17249-6aa716e0@requests.fyi.org.nz

Reference: OIA-2021/22-0462

Dear Simon Varitas

Official Information Act request for regarding cost benefit analyses for COVID-19 scenarios

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 18 October 2021. You requested:

“1. Any cost:benefit analyses of various policy approaches to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, including 1a - the date requested 1b - the date received 1c - the date the information was considered by Cabinet

2 if you cannot provide the full text, please provide a listing of all costs and benefits considered in any cost:benefit analysis (e.g. - the following is purely theoretical) Level 4:

Benefits: Fewer deaths

Costs: Health reductions from reduced gym attendance and exercise

3 if you are aware, could you also provide the title and date of any cost:benefit analyses on COVID-19 that were provided to other state sector ministries or departments (e.g. MoH)”

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the The Treasury. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to Treasury.

Treasury has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett

Manager Ministerial and Business Services