DEPARTMENT OF THE
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET
TE TARI O TE PIRIMIA ME TE KOMITI MATUA

14 August 2026

Ref: OIA-2026/27-0091

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Tēnā koe [redacted],

Official Information Act request relating to the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF)

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 31 July 2026. You requested:

> *"1. A full list of all programmes funded from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, with amounts, responsible agencies, and whether each was assessed as directly pandemic-related.*
> *2. All Treasury or Cabinet advice between 2020 and 2023 warning about the scale, targeting, or long-term fiscal impact of the Fund.*
> *3. Any post-Inquiry internal analysis of which expenditures did not meet the "timely, temporary and targeted" criteria."*

The Treasury administered the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF). You can read more about its role here: https://www.treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/nz-economy/covid-19-economic-response/overview-covid-19-response-and-recovery-fund-crrf

Accordingly, I believe that your request is more closely connected to the functions of the Treasury. Ordinarily I would transfer your request under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, but as I understand the Treasury has already received your request, I instead refer you to its response.

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

This response will be published on the DPMC website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā

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