

Subject: Re: OIA 2025/12: Our OIA 2025/12 – Wage Subsidy Scheme, Treasury’s Long-term Insights Briefing and Emergency Management Bill- acknowledgement
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Good evening,

Thank you for your acknowledgement of our OIA 2025/12.

Since sending you our OIA 2025/12, we have sent a further seven OIAs to departments and the OAG as part of our Project *PandemicNZ* (see our website [here](#)).

We have since discovered that the Treasury is specifically mentioned in the recommendations of the Phase One Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons Learned (see [here](#)). Given this, we would like to add the following three questions, and attached Excel, to our OIA 2025/12.

Follow-up on recommendations mentioned in the Phase One Report and by the OAG

Attachment 1 is an excel that contains a consolidated list of recommendations from both the Phase One of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons Learned – Te Tira Ārai Urutā (Sheet 2, Table 1 of the excel) and the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) (Sheet 3, Table 2 of the excel). Sheet 1 contains a key, as well as provides links to the documents where the recommendations were sourced from. We are interested in knowing to what extent particular recommendations have been implemented. Can you please:

19. Complete the attached excel, in particular Columns E-H of Sheet 2, and Columns C-F of Sheet 3.
20. Provide the report of progress against the recommendations of Phase One of the Royal Commission (mentioned in Recommendation 39b of the Royal Commission).
21. Advise whether Treasury will be producing a report on progress against the Phase One recommendations for tabling in Parliament (mentioned in Recommendation 39c of the Royal Commission).

If you have any questions, or if you would like to treat this as a separate OIA, please let us know.

Many thanks,

Wendy and Arne