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Dear Brendon

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 10 September 2020. Your request was:

...any advice, analysis or discussion documents regarding David Seymour's End of Life Choice Bill, particularly project impact on future welfare spending.

In other words, has there been any research undertaken on whether allowing the terminally ill and disabled to end their lives will mean the government spends less on the Supported Living Allowance and the Job Seeker Support benefits.

The Treasury has not undertaken any work and does not hold any information on this topic. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act – the information requested is not held by the Treasury and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another agency.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

Colin Hall

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