



Mr William Martin

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Dear Mr William Martin

On 10 September 2019 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- The number of families requesting food grants from Work and Income in the Auckland Region since 26th of October 2017
- The number of families receiving food grants based upon the Otago Survey in the Auckland region since 26th of October 2017
- The average food grant amount broken down by the number of dependents since 26th October 2017 in the Auckland regions
- The number of times a beneficiary was only permitted to buy food from the a single location using their payment card in the Auckland region since the 26th of October 2017

Please provide this information by quarters and provide a breakdown by ethnicity, age and sex.

This letter is to advise you that the Ministry has received your request, however requires more time to respond to this request. In accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Official Information Act, the Ministry's decision will be with you no later than 25 November 2019.

The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely

Elisabeth Brunt
General Manager Ministerial and Executive Services