Office of Hon Carmel Sepuloni

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Harry Robson

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Tēnā koe Harry Robson,

On 18 September 2019 you contacted the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982:

- (1) How many meetings have the PM and Cabinet had with theistic leaders and theistic organisations since October 2017?
 - (A) which leaders and organisations have been met with?
 how many times were said leaders and organisations met with?
 - (B) How long were these said meetings?
 - (C) What was discussed during said meetings?
 - (D) Did said meetings impact on any governmental action (including policy and legislation)?
- (2) Has the PM or members of Cabinet ever met with the "The Family and International Foundation" (USA) or communicated with them, in any capacity (including indirectly)?
 - (A) How long were these said meetings? Who was involved in and with them?
 - (B) What was discussed during said meetings?
- (3) Does the PM or Cabinet have any protocols regarding the separation of church and state?

Part 1 and 2 of this request were transferred to our office on 24 September 2019 to respond to in Minister Sepuloni's capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

This letter is to advise you that our office 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 Minsters decision will be with you no later than 5 November 2019.

The reason for the extension is that consultations within our office necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be 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 me on Alicia.sudden@parliament.govt.nz

Our office will respond to you sooner if we are able to.

Ngā Mihi

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