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Dear Cain Kerehoma

Thank you for your email of 6 November 2019 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*How much money has been spent on the big 4 accounting firms (Deloitte, KPMG, PWC and EY) as part of the Provincial Growth Fund investment?*

*How much money has been spent on "consultants" as part of the Provincial Growth Fund investment?*

*How much money has been spent on "consultants" in the Tairāwhiti region as part of the Provincial Growth Fund investment?*

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 31 January 2020.

Please note that the days from 25 December 2018 to 15 January 2019 (inclusive) are defined as non-working days in the Act.

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 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Yours sincerely

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