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Dear Gerard

## Extension of time to respond to request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your emails of 27 January 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- what systems have you put in place to protect the public from your employee from the northland branch who threatens suppliers with removal of contracts and who spies on his neighbors making false statements in court hearings using NZTA approved equipment and NZTA lawyers and taxpayers money?
- can you please provide a copy of all receipts from first security relating to the personal security for members of one of your northland employees family in nov/dec 2019.
- 3. can you please provide a copy of all emails ,memos and directions from your senior project manager concepts, northland to your security department, which led to you implementing personal security for his family, because of a peaceful protest i conducted outside WSP Opus on 1st Nov,2019, as stated by him in his testimony on 5th nov, in empc, byrne Vs nzta.

This letter is to advise you that Waka Kotahi, the NZ Transport Agency is extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request, as allowed for under section 15A of the Act. We require an additional 5 working days to respond to your request. We will send you a response on or before 3 March 2020.

The deadline is being extended because of the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request. A thorough response to your request cannot reasonably be made within the 20-working-day limit.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the extension. More information about the Ombudsman is available online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss the extension with the Transport Agency, please email official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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