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Matthew O'Leary
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Dear Mr O'Leary

Thank you for your email of 11 November 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The cost of implementing and enforcing the policy, with a breakdown of the costs*
- *The number of beneficiaries referred to jobs which require drug testing*
- *The number of beneficiaries who passed their drug test and are now in paid employment*
- *The number of beneficiaries who failed their drug test*
- *The number of beneficiaries who, after failing the drug test, were determined to be addicted to drugs*
- *The number of beneficiaries who, after failing the drug test, were determined to be using drugs for recreational purposes*
- *The amount saved (or estimated amount saved) so far from cutting or cancelling benefits of those who have failed drug tests*

This letter is 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 16 January 2014.

The reason for the extension is that the Ministry needs further time to consult with other parties on the release of the information you have requested. These other parties may be affected by the release of the information and I need to provide them with an opportunity to identify any prejudice that might arise from its release before I make a final decision.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

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

Yours sincerely

Rob Brown
General Manager Corporate and Governance

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