



4 September 2020

Ref: DOIA 2021-0312

Kelly Hill

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Dear Kelly Hill

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2020 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act);

“Could you please release all communications letters emails records of conversations pertaining to the underpayment of holiday pay entitlements by McDonald's to their employees I understand they have reached an enforceable agreement with MBIE on a method to recalculate annual pay please include this along with any indicated time frame of completion”

Due to the recent resurgence of the COVID-19 virus in the community and the nationwide restrictions imposed as a result, this has impacted on the way MBIE has operated.

Ministerial Services has been working hard to process MBIE's Official Information Act 1982 requests in a timely manner. However, it has meant that the original timeframe for some requests has lapsed, and caused delays for others.

As a result MBIE has taken the approach to prioritise the requests on the basis of 'urgent Covid-19 related items', 'essential business as usual (BAU) items' and 'general business as usual (BAU) items' in that order.

The requests you submitted were triaged into the 'General BAU' category, therefore I am extending the timeframe for responding to your request under the following sections of the Act:

- 15A(1)(a) the request is for a large quantity of official information or necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department
- 15A(1)(b) consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

We will now respond to your request on or before **Friday 18 December 2020**, which is an extension of **74** working days, however we will endeavour to provide you with a response as soon as practically possible within that time-frame.



You have the right to seek investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Goodwin', written in a cursive style.

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