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J. Armishaw

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Dear J. Armishaw

I refer to your email of 11 February 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry), requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Could you please share any information relating to the number of spots available for managed isolation over the previous 3 months. Could you also share any plans to increase capacity of managed isolation and quarantine in the upcoming period, or if there are none, why no further capacity increases have been sought. Finally, could you please share any information as to the impacts of alternative options to managed isolation for citizens returning from low risk countries (e.g. Kiwis in Australia self isolating at home, a quarantine free zone to Australia) on Managed Isolation and Quarantine availability.*

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 sent to you no later than 11 May 2021.

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. We will provide a response sooner if possible.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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