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Tēnā koe Mark Honeychurch

On 4 March 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information regarding Wage Subsidy data:

- *A list of claims that have been made, and for each claim the number of employees that have been claimed for, the amount claimed and the name of the organisation.*
- *However, I would also like to see the sector each of the organisations works in. The reason for this is that I am interested in seeing payments made to religious organisations, so if the list can be filtered to include only religious organisations, or non-profits, that would also be helpful.*

This letter is to advise you that the Ministry has received your request, however, requires more time to respond to this request. In accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Act, the Ministry's decision will be with you no later than 9 April 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 reasonably be made within the original time limit.

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

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 or 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

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