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Dear Ms Eagan

Thank you for your email of 13 May 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information on the Self Start Grant:

- *In each of the years 2009 to 2013 how much of the total grant has been used to pay for assessments through either medical professionals such as Occupational Therapists, Adaptive Technology Specialists etc?*
- *For each of the above years what amount in total was paid to contractors assessing the business plan?*
- *Please provide a figure for the total amount for each year distributed via the Self Start Grant that paid for the support itself (such as support people, physical modifications, special software).*
- *Over the time period 2009-2013 what is the average that each disabled person actually receives to meet their need once all assessors and contractors in the assessment process are paid?*
- *How many applications over the 2009-2013 time period had their lifetime allocation of the Self Start Grant used up entirely by assessments (and therefore no longer have access to this resource perhaps through no fault of their own)?*

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 14 July 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

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