



Ref. No. DOIA 2122-1104

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Alex Harris

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Dear Alex Harris

I refer to your email of 12 November 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry), requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Last night at the climate talks in Glasgow the New Zealand government joined an international alliance to end fossil fuels ("COP26: New alliance commits to setting end date for oil and gas extraction", RNZ, 12 November 2021). I would like to request the following information under the OIA:*

*\* all advice and communications on plans to set an end date for oil and gas exploration and extraction.*

On 23 November 2021, the Ministry clarified you were specifically interested the end date for oil and gas exploration and extraction in relation to the COP26.

I am writing to notify you that I am extending the timeframe for responding to your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as 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 28 January 2022, which is an extension of 20 working days. We will respond sooner if we are able to.

Please note that the days from 24 December 2021 to 15 January 2022 (inclusive) are defined as non-working days in the Act and are not counted in the calculation for this extension.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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