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Subject: RE: Preliminary inquiry - OIA delay (NZCL) REF:579248
Date: Friday, 8 April 2022 3:44:23 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Emily, thank you for your email.

We'll look into this and respond no later than Thursday, 21 April 2022.

Kind regards, Kate

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Subject: Preliminary inquiry - OIA delay (NZCL) REF:579248
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Tēnā koe,

This Office has received a complaint from the New Zealand Council for Civil Liberties (NZCL) about a delay by stats NZ in responding to an OIA request.

The request was made on 8 February 2022 via FYI (attached) seeking a discussion paper regarding the dimensions of security vs. transparency.

I understand that stats NZ has not made a decision on the request.

In accordance with the current approach of the Ombudsman to delay issues, please respond to the following questions:

1. When was the request received by stats NZ?
2. Was the timeframe for making a decision and communicating it to the requester ever extended? If so, please provide copies of any correspondence with NZCL.
3. Was the request ever amended or clarified? If so, please provide copies of any relevant correspondence.
4. Does stats NZ accept that there has been a delay in making and communicating a decision?

5. Has stats NZ now made and communicated a decision on the request? If so please provide a copy of the decision to the Ombudsman. If not, please advise when stats NZ expects to be able to make and communicate a decision.

I would be grateful if you could please respond to these questions by **Thursday 21 April 2022**.

Please note: if you accept that there was a delay (ie., a failure to meet the timeliness requirements imposed by the OIA) and confirm that decisions on the requests have been made and communicated to the requester (and provide copies) by **21 April 2022**, the Ombudsman will likely decline to investigate the complaints on the basis that investigations are *'unnecessary'*. However, if we do not receive a response from you by the above date, or if decisions are not made on the requests and communicated to NZCL by that date, it is likely that formal investigations will be commenced.

Ngā mihi

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