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Ms Lisa Marriott
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Dear Ms Marriott,

Thank you for your email of 25 August 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, copies of the Welfare Debt Recovery and the Tackling Welfare Fraud cabinet papers and information concerning recovery of debt and penalties.

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 3 October 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

 Elisabeth Brunt
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