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Mr Ken Allen  
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Dear Mr Allen

On 23 October 2014 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Copies of correspondence between the Ministry of Social Development and the following other parties: The Salvation Army, the Bank of New Zealand, Good Shepherd Microfinance New Zealand, and the Minister of Social Development, and reports on, the establishment of a low income loan scheme in New Zealand. The relevant dates are from 1 July 2013 to 13 August 2014.*

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 1 December 2014.

The reason for the extension is that the Ministry needs need 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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