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Tēnā koe Debbie

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2023 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Please provide the titles of all projects relating to policy reform in the past 2 financial years (i.e. FY21/22 and 22/23) that have had an expert or policy consultant or contractor (i.e. not IT or marketing but involved in core analysis etc).*
- 2. For each project, please list the firm (or trading name) and names of the individual consultants or contractors hired for each project.*
- 3. Please provide a monthly breakdown for the period in question 1 of the spend on those consultants/contractors per individual (if held) or per firm.*
- 4. Please provide a copy of all conflict of interest (actual or perceived) disclosures made by the firm and individuals (whether upon initial hire or made during the term of the contract(s)).*
- 5. Please provide a copy of all information that sets out any conflict of interest mitigations or management plans or protocols used for any conflicts of interests disclosed.*

I am writing to notify you that the Ministry is extending the timeframe for its response 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 timeframe. We will now respond to your request on, if not before, 14 August 2023, which is an extension of 40 working days.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on this request, 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).

Ngā mihi

*Electronically approved by Lachlan Brown*

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