



Ms Rebekah Sherriff
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Dear Ms Sherriff

Thank you for your letter/email 29 May 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

1. *"The number of foster carers a child who has been in the care system has over their lifetime - mean, median, mode, upper and lower range"*
2. *Number of social workers managing a child in foster care - median, mode, upper and lower range*
3. *Number of children who are separated from their siblings when they are removed from the home and placed into care."*

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 10 July 2015.

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.

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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