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Thank you for your request of 30 September 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- “- A full overview and breakdown of all costs associated with the Science System Advisory Group (SSAG), including member fees and remuneration, administrative/secretariat costs, hosting, etc.;*
- All communications (email, text, phone, etc.) between the Ministry and the chair of the SSAG Sir Peter Gluckman;
- Any and all communications to or from the Ministry regarding the SSAG’s initial report;
- A copy of all submissions received by the SSAG during phases one and two of consultation.”

I am writing to advise you that MBIE will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. MBIE’s response will be sent to you no later than Tuesday, 26 November 2024. However, we will respond to you sooner if we are able to.

The reason for the extension applies to section 15A(1)(a) of the Act, as the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with operations, and section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

We have undertaken some initial work on collation, and we also need to clarify the third part of your request please. Can you please explain in further detail the kind of communication you are seeking. While no decision has been made at this stage, our initial view is that we would likely need to refuse a request for all communication between MBIE and all third parties under section 18(f) due to the substantial collation and research required to locate this information. However, please let us know if this is not what you are seeking.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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