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## Dear Ms Buchanan

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requests of 17 August 2015, regarding number of appeals against prison placement for reasons of sex/gender, and related information, and the number of "transgender" alerts.

The Department needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 20 working days, under 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, 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'. Therefore, you can expect to receive a response to your request by 12 October 2015. If you no longer require this information please let us know as soon as possible.

Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this extension you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

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