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Dear Lee M

I refer to your request for information of 30 August 2015. Under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) you request the following:

"1. A full explanation why ACC claimants/review applicants are being restricted to 30 minutes hearing time duration?"

2. A full explanation why Fairway Resolution Limited has declined reasonable requests by ACC claimants/review applicants with lengthy and complex matters to extend the 30 minutes hearing time duration to say 2 or 3 hours duration (halved for each party).

3. Whether it is possible for ACC claimants/review applicants to request an extension of the review hearing duration, what law or policy or guideline allows for this, how such requests are made and decided, and under what law or policy or guideline are they made and decided?

4. A copy of the supply agreement between the ACC and Fairway Resolution Limited that sets out the policy and/or guidelines regarding the duration of review hearings.

5. A copy of the abovementioned agreement or any other document that provides for, and limits, review hearings to 1 hour duration (30 minutes for each party as outlined above).

6. A copy of the abovementioned agreement or any other document that provides for requests made by applicants/claimants to extend the 1 hour hearing duration (30 minutes for each party as outlined above), and that sets out the policy or guidelines regarding how such requests need to be made by the ACC claimants/review applicants and responded to by Fairway Resolution Limited.

7. A copy of the abovementioned agreement or any other document that provides the policy, guidelines and/or criteria for

deciding whether or not to approve requests made by ACC claimants/review applicants to extend the 1 hour hearing duration (30 minutes for each party as outlined above) ... e.g. explaining what individual circumstances can be and are taken into consideration in deciding an extension request.”

Under section 14 of the Act, I have transferred this request to the Chief Executive of ACC and the Chief Executive Fairway Resolution Ltd, as the information you request is more closely related to the functions of ACC and Fairway Resolution Ltd.

Both agencies will consider and respond to your request in accordance with the Act.

Yours sincerely



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