

## Office of Hon Paula Bennett

Minister for Social Development Minister of Youth Affairs

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Dear Alex Harris

Thank you for your email of 7 June 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

 "all advice on this policy." the government was considering a range of options to deal with the issue of known child abusers or killers having further children including allowing the Court to direct someone convicted of serious child abuse or neglect or murder not to have more children" ("Govt: Abusers could have children taken away at birth", NZ Herald, 6 Jun 2012).

This letter is to advise you that I need to extend the time available to answer your request. My response will be with you no later than 20 July 2012.

The reason for the extension is that I need further time to consult with other parties on the release of the information you have requested. These other parties may be affected by the release of the information and I need to provide them with an opportunity to identify any prejudice that might arise from its release before I make a final decision.

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 Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely

Hdn Paula Bennett
Minister for Social Development

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