

19 April 2016

Mr Paul Kelly fyi-request-3836-7bd1deb1@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Paul Kelly

I refer to your request dated 4 April 2016, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, with the request:

"Could you please provide me with all the communications to and from the SAR Secretariat that relate to the search for Mrs Wills."

This letter is to notify you that the Ministry is extending the 20 working days available to it to respond to your request pursuant to section 15A of the Official Information Act. The Ministry requires an additional 10 days to respond to your request. Therefore you can expect to receive a response by 17 May 2016.

The reason for the extension is that:

Consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response to your request cannot be reasonably made within the normal 20 working-day limit.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint about the extension to the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Nick Brown

General Manager, Aviation and Maritime