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Dear Julie Fairey

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your email of 30 July 2012 requesting information the following information,

Please provide information on the decision to bring forward the implementation date of shifting the Ministry's payroll to Novopay, from Datacom.

Specifically I would like to know who made the decision, whether it went to the Minister or Cabinet, what advice was given by officials regarding the implementation, and what were the reasons given for making the decision to bring the date forward.

I would also like to know what advice the Ministry received from Treasury, Novopay. Datacom and the working group looking at switching systems, in regard to the appropriate timeframe to execute the new payroll system, in particular anything which indicated a recommended date for implementation.

Your request will be answered within 20 working days of its receipt, in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982. The Ministry reserves the right to request an extension if this becomes necessary due to the potential workload involved in meeting your request.

Yours sincerely

Frances Helly

Frances Kelly Group Manager

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