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Dear Ms Rākete

Thank you for your email dated 22 June 2016, requesting information about the number of prisoner visits.

The Department needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by twenty working days, pursuant to section 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 17 August 2016 although every effort will be made to respond sooner. 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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