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WG Robert Harrison

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Ref: H201603030

Dear WG Robert Harrison

Extension of time to respond to your request for official information

Thank you for your request received on 25 July 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 for

- "a) All advice (including cabinet papers, briefings, draft bills, discussion documents, costings etc) relating to the proposed change to pharmacy ownership.*
- b) All advice (including cabinet papers, briefings, draft bills, discussion documents, costings etc) explaining the rationale of "fit and proper persons" owning pharmacies.*
- c) All documentation received, so far, as at 22 July 2016, from all interested parties responding to the potential changes and Government responses to these."*

Due to the consultations necessary to make a decision regarding your request, I have decided to extend the period of time available to respond to your request. This is done in reliance of section 15A(1)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

You can now expect to receive a response by 29 August 2016.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to contest the decision to extend the time by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
Wellington 6143

Yours sincerely



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