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Dear Jennifer Shields

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 (the Act) for

“I am writing to request an update on the status of the waitlist for Gender Confirmation Surgery for transgender patients. Namely: the length of the waitlist now; when you expect to resume surgeries, or when you expect to confirm an overseas provider for male to female GRS - something that was due to happen last year; how often you intend to send patients for surgery once they resume, keeping in mind that the last waitlist estimation was 40 years long; and any communications within and from/to the Ministry about both the status of the waitlist and the process of finding a surgeon to continue surgeries.”

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 (The Act):

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..

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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