

19 December 2016

By email: fyi-request-4981-de9ec201@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Ray J Smith,

In response to your Official Information Act (OIA) request of 17 November 2016 please see below for our responses to your request.

Number of Official Information Requests received in 2015 and 2016. (calendar years)

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| 2015: | 15 |
| 2016: | 37* |

**4 are still in progress at the time of writing.*

Number of Official Information Requests answered within the formal deadline in 2015 and 2016

We interpret formal deadline to encompass those timeframes set out under the Official Information Act 1982 and includes those responses that were extended and answered within the specified extended timeframes.

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| 2015: | 12 |
| 2016: | 26 |

Number of Official Information Requests answered after extension of the deadline in 2015 and 2016

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| 2015: | Nil |
| 2016: | Nil |

No Official Information Requests were answered after the extension of the deadline in either 2015 or 2016.

In 2015 5 Official Information Requests were extended, all 5 of these were answered within the extended timeframe.

In 2016 7 Official Information Requests were extended, all 7 of these were answered within the extended timeframe

All of these extensions were to allow for consultations necessary to make a decision on the request, that were not able to be reasonably made within the original time limit. As per s15a(1)(b) of the Official Information Act 1982.

15A Extension of time limits

(1)

Where a request in accordance with section 12 is made or transferred to a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, the chief executive of that department or an officer or employee of that department authorised by that chief executive or that Minister of the Crown or that organisation may extend the time limit set out in section 14 or section 15(1) in respect of the request if—

(b)

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cas Carter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cas Carter
General Manager External Relations