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Dear Perry

Thank you for your email dated 17 November 2016 containing an Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request for the following information:

I spotted a significant amount of government employees attending the Singularity U event on 14-16 November in Christchurch.

Please provide the number of employees from 1) Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, 2) New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, and 3) Callaghan Innovation Fund and money spent (both tickets and travel).

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 10 February 2017.

Please note that the days from 24 December 2016 to 15 January 2017, and 6 February 2017 (inclusive) are defined as non-working days in the Act and are not counted in the calculation for the response due date. This will affect the time period for responding to your request.

The reason for the extension is that the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot be made within the original time limit. We will endeavour to respond to you sooner if possible.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend your request. Advice on how to contact the Ombudsman is available at:

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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