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Ms Heather Buchanan
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Dear Ms Buchanan

Thank you for your emails of 21 and 28 August 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

"Yearly statistics for recipients of the Unemployment Benefit and Domestic Purposes Benefit, for 2007 through 2011, that I can read in tandem with the statistical reports you already share online.

In the statistical reports on the website, there are figures for the number of benefits cancelled in a given year, split out between those entering paid work and "other". Can I get numbers that split the "other" category, please? That is, each of a) transferring to another benefit, b) administrative (described on the site as used for benefit adjustment and reassessment), and c) the rest (on the site, example reasons are entering a relationship / leaving NZ / entering training).

I'd also like the numbers (each, per year) of UB and DPB recipients that at some point in that year declared other income (eg from part-time work), where income was insufficient to cancel their benefit entirely.

I'd like to get the figures as described in my original email as they apply to Sickness Beneficiaries as well."

This letter is to advise you that I need to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 3 October 2012.

The reason for the extension is that the Ministry needs further time to consult with other parties on the release of the information you have requested. These other parties may be affected by the release of the information and I need to provide them with an opportunity to identify any prejudice that might arise from its release before I make a final decision.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

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

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely



Brendan Boyle
Chief Executive