



13 MAR 2017

Ms Kathleen Smith
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Dear Ms Smith

On 13 February 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The total number of people currently in motels/hotels due to housing shortages or other circumstances.*
- *A breakdown of ages, regions; ethnic groups and average number of people in one room monthly over the last twelve months.*
- *Total cost incurred monthly over the last 12 months per region.*
- *How this is being funded?*
- *Why this is being funded?*
- *A breakdown of total cost incurred over the last 5 years*

This letter is to advise you that the Ministry has received your request, however requires more time to respond to this request. In accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Official Information Act, the Ministry's decision will be with you no later than 1 May 2017.

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 the Ministry needs to provide them with an opportunity to identify any prejudice that might arise from its release before I make a final decision.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

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

Yours sincerely

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