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Dear Mr Stephens

Thank you for your email of 8 May 2017 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

*Please provide, in full, under the Official Information Act*

*\* Any briefings and/or documents provided to the Immigration Minister or associate Immigration Minister on the proposal and/or selection of Invercargill as a new refugee resettlement location, including how that city compared to other cities.*

*\* Any analytical papers or scoping documents produced by or for the ministry related to this decision to make Invercargill a resettlement location.*

*\* Any aide memoirs or other reports pertaining to this decision to make Invercargill a resettlement location.*

*\* All and any emails between the Ministry and the Invercargill City Council and/or the Southland Regional Council and/or Invercargill Mayor Tim Shadbolt pertaining to this decision to make Invercargill a resettlement location.*

I am writing to advise you that 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 6 July 2017.

The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit 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,

Andrew Lockhart  
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Immigration New Zealand  
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

