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Mr Joshua Grainger
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Dear Mr Grainger

Thank you for your email of 5 January 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information on the Accommodation Benefit for the Student Allowance.

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 29 February 2012. I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

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.

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 Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely


Brendon Boyle
Chief Executive