



Mr Andrew Riddell
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Dear Mr Riddell,

On 18 November 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, copies of any procedures, policies, manuals, instructions, or similar that are used when ascertaining whether a person will be required to apply for an overseas pension, and requiring a person to apply for an overseas pension.

On 23 November 2017, you refined your request to documents relating to the requirement to apply for the Australian pension.

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 7 February 2018. Please note that the period commencing 25 December 2017 and ending 15 January 2018 does not count as 'working days' as defined in section 2 of the Official Information Act 1982.

The reason for the extension is that it will take longer than the 20 working day time limit to collate the material you have requested and assess whether any interest might be prejudiced by its release.

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.

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

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

Yours sincerely



Agnes Sefo
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