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Mr David Burgess
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Dear Mr Burgess

Thank you for your email of 1 February 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Has your agency ever released personal information to any agency like a private investigator, credit agency, etc.?*
- *If information has been released, who has the information been released to?*
- *What personal information has been disclosed?*
- *On how many occasions has this occurred?*

This letter is 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 28 March 2013.

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 Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

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

Yours sincerely

Brendan Boyle
Chief Executive