



# MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Ms Ceri Jenkins  
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Dear Ms Jenkins

Thank you for your email of 19 February 2013, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

*"I would like to know how much the Gordon Holmes case has in total cost the Ministry of Social Development."*

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 12 April 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