

5 April 2013

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Dear Mr Thompson

This letter is in response to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the department on 11 March 2013.

Statistics New Zealand requires more time to identify and assemble the information you have requested.

I am therefore extending the time that we require to complete the task of identifying and assembling the information you seek. I will be able to dispatch a reply to you, including the relevant documents assembled, on or before 3 May 2013.

This extension is made under section 15A of the OIA because:

- Your request necessitates a search of a large quantity of information so that meeting the original time limit is not possible (to proceed faster than advised to you in this initial response would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department)
- Some further consultation is necessary to make decisions on some of the documents we have identified so far, so that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA to make a complaint to an Ombudsman about the extension.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Bascand
Government Statistician