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Dear Alex Harris

On 9 January 2019 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- Whether your agency has ever employed ZX Security Ltd, to provide training in social media or open source intelligence. For the avoidance of doubt, I am not interested in any work done by them on network security or penetration testing.
- If so, all information relating to, or provided by, ZX Security Ltd in relation to the above.

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 13 March 2019.

The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

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 <u>OIA Requests@msd.govt.nz</u>.

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

Yours sincerely

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