



File No. 1819-1041

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Thank you for your email of 16 January 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

With regard to the MBIE Guidance Document 'Fire Performance of External Wall Cladding Systems' issued via email to selected parties in the Industry in December 2018 please provide the following information that underlies the recommendations in the Guidance:

- (i) all correspondence between Auckland Council, BRANZ and MBIE and MBIE's contractors/experts, and other industry experts on external wall assembly compliance issues and in particular in relation to the perceived danger of timber framed exterior wall assemblies.*
- (ii) information on which consultants were engaged for this work and selection criteria for consultants engaged. Information on fees charged by consultants in relation to preparation of the Guidance Document.*

Also please provide information on:

- (iii) any details of impact statements and cost benefits analysis in relation to the release of the Guidance*
- (iv) MBIE's policy on the issuing of S.175 Guidance.*
- (v) Full details of and any analysis of feedback in relation to industry consultation on the Guidance*
- (vi) Full details of and any analysis of feedback in relation to legal advice on the Guidance*
- (vii) Full details of and any analysis of feedback in relation to public consultation on the Guidance*

I am writing 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 sent to you no later than 14 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 be made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision to extend the time limit, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details are:

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The Ministry will respond to you sooner if we are able to.

Yours sincerely



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