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Acclaim Otago

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Dear Acclaim Otago

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

*"Please advise the total amounts paid to each the 14-member panel discussing new assessment processes for jobseeker support, formerly known as the sickness benefit.*

*Please also include and meeting fees and/or consultancy fees paid to any of these 14 members in the past 3 years."*

This letter is to advise you that I need to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 19 November 2012.

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

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