



Mr Jordan McKeown  
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Dear Mr Jordan McKeown

On 10 September 2019 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- All updates, reports, correspondences, briefings, aides-memoire, etc, provided to a senior official, e.g. a general manager, or to the Minister of Social Development, relating to the use of the Otago food study in food grants. Since the 26th of October 2017.
- When did the trial as noted in the media begin?
- When did the use of the Otago food study in relation to food grants begin?
- How many offices are included in the trial of the Otago food study in relation to food grants?
- How many offices are included in the use of the Otago food study in relation to food grants?
- What are the objectives, goals, and timeline of the trial?

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 18 November 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](http://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 [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz)

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

Yours sincerely

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