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Dear Mr. Yeoman,

I refer to your request dated 26 November 2019, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, seeking the following information relating to the "Economic Analysis of Upper North Island Supply Chain Scenarios" report by Ernst Young for the Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy Working Group:

- 1) *Was there an independent peer-review of the Ernst Young report?*
- 2) *If there was an independent peer-review please provide the memo/emails/reports that outline the findings.*
- 3) *Did the Working Group provide feedback on the Ernst Young report?*
- 4) *If there was feedback from the Working Group please provide the memo/emails/reports that outline the findings.*
- 5) *Did the economist on the Working Group review the Ernst Young report?*
- 6) *If the economist on the Working Group reviewed the the EY report please provide the memo/emails/reports that outline the findings.*
- 7) *Did Ministry of Transport or any other ministry review the Ernst Young report?*
- 8) *If there was a review by any ministry please please provide the memo/emails/reports that outline the findings.*

This letter is to notify you that the Ministry is extending the 20 working days available to it to respond to your request pursuant to section 15A of the Official Information Act. The Ministry requires an additional 10 working days to respond to your request. Therefore you can expect to receive a response by 29 January 2020.

The reason for the extension is because your request is for a large quantity of information (mostly comprised of correspondence from the Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy (UNISCS) Working Group that sits external to the Ministry) and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations. We further need to consult with external parties in order to make a decision on the request and cannot reasonably do this within the original time limit.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint about the extension to the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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