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Mr Matthew O'Leary
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Dear Mr O'Leary

Thank you for your email of 20 October 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

Since the Ministry of Social Development began paying wage subsidies for companies to hire beneficiaries in 2009:

- 1. What is the total number of beneficiaries that were hired through this initiative?*
- 2. How many former beneficiaries remained in employment after their wage subsidy expired?*
- 3. How many beneficiaries returned to the benefit after having been a part of the wage subsidy initiative?*

This letter is 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 with you no later than 13 December 2013.

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

Jonathan Wilson
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