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Tēnā koe Matthew

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1. Under the leadership of former Tertiary Education Minister Pete Hodgson, over a decade ago, the Ministry of Education undertook a cost investigation into the concept of a universal tertiary student allowance. Can you please provide me with a copy of any documents or reports that were published as a part of or as the culmination of that investigation?*
- 2. I would also like to see copies of all emails sent to and from Minister Hodgson's government email account during his tenure as Tertiary Education Minister that reference universal student allowance.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 10 working days, pursuant to section 15(A)(1)(b) of the Act, as the 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. For this reason, you can expect to receive a response to your request by 13 April 2020. I expect that we will be able to respond to you before this date.

With Covid-19 evolving the Ministry is responding and re-directing resources as needed, which is impacting on our ability to deliver some of our usual functions within the normal timeframes. We are grateful for your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times.

Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this extension you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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