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Tēnā koe Chris Johnston

On 9 April 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, a data set regarding the number of deaths by age group for National Superannuation in Excel or csv file for the last five years by month to the end of March 2020, for the whole of New Zealand, with the following columns:

- *DHB within which the person resides*
- *Age group at death (in 10 year bands)*
- *Number of people receiving National Superannuation at the start of the period*
- *Deaths during period - that is, the Ministry is notified to stop paying National Superannuation/Pension and/or a date of death was obtained by any means (eg death notice).*

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 29 May 2020.

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 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

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

Ngā mihi nui

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