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Anon 12345

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Dear Anon 12345

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 10 July 2020. You requested:

"I would like to know how much was spent by the government on the 'Shovel Ready' initiative.

If possible, please provide the following information:

1) Fees paid to ALL advisors (obviously, split this by advisor) - it is my understanding that CIP utilised a consortium of engineering, finance and other advisors for this project. If fees have not been paid or finalised, please provide estimates of these amounts.

2) The role each advisor had for Shovel Ready;

3) Fees by nature of work - please summarise the total fees above into type of work (i.e. money spent to develop the PIF form, costs to collate the PAPER form, costs to review forms, costs to debate project significance) etc; and

4) How did the final cost compare to the budget cost for the Shovel Ready Initiative and reasons for over/under spend. "

I have decided under section 15A of the Official Information Act to extend the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days. The new due date for responding to your request is 4 September 2020.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request.

This extension will also apply to the time limit for transferring your request, should this become relevant.

Notwithstanding this extension, I undertake to make a decision on your request as soon as reasonably practicable.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Robertson', written in a cursive style.

Hon Grant Robertson
Minister of Finance