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Dear Mr R. Gavey

On 7 September 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, data relating to investigations and prosecutions made in regard to benefit fraud.

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 6 November 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](http://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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz)

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

Ngā mihi nui

PP

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