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Dear Afiqah Ramizi

Thank you for your email of 2 March 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*In light of the new announcement made today by the MBIE, on increasing the MIQ costs for temporary visa holders from \$3100 to \$5520, please provide the complete breakdown of the MIQ costs.*

*We would like to understand the rationale for the additional \$2420 that is applicable only to temporary visa holders. This information would help us support international students who are currently offshore, and will be severely impacted by this cost increase.*

I am writing 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 30 April 2021.

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 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).

The Ministry will respond to you sooner if it is able to.

Yours sincerely

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