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Dear Lional Jones

**Official Information Act request (OIA 2021-0720)**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on 11 June 2021. Your request sought the following information:

*From the start of October 2017 to today's date, how many separate investigations were carried out involving staff either employed in Minister's offices or supporting Minister's offices, and break down into:*

*A) Complaints made against Ministers versus complaints made against either staff in Minister's offices, or supporting Minister's offices*

*B) Number of staff that resigned during or after an investigation involving them*

*C) Number of staff that were otherwise dismissed or left employment or were redeployed during or after an investigation involving them*

*D) Number of complaints that resulted in a payment at the conclusion (regardless of outcome) of an investigation*

*E) As at today's date, the number of open or ongoing investigations involving staff either employed in Minister's offices or supporting Minister's offices*

*For the purpose of this OIA "staff supporting Minister's offices" shall be defined as staff employed by Parliamentary or Ministerial Services.*

In view of the consultation necessary to enable this request to be completed I am extending the request timeframes by 10 working days under section 15A (1) of the Act as:

- b) 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.

The revised response date will be 22 July 2021. If the response is ready before that date, we will send it to you sooner.

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 freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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