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Time Extension of your Official Information Act request

The Ministry of Health transferred your Official Information Act request regarding outsourced surgical procedures to district health boards on 7 June 2022.

The Official Information Act (the Act) requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to 4 August 2022.

This extension is required because the team responsible for collating this information is currently fully engaged in supporting staff in Surgical Services impacted by COVID-19. Members of the team have also been off work either as a result of contracting COVID-19 themselves or being a close contact of a person who has contracted the virus.

If you are not happy with this extension, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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