

Reference: 20230293

29 June 2023

Delia Mason fyi-request-23001-07d00899@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Delia

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act, received on 4 June 2023. You requested:

Please provide copies of all advice you provided to Ministers in 2020-2022 about whether Universities should be eligible to receive the COVID-19 wage subsidy or any financial support to assist Universities during the pandemic.

Please provide copies of all advice you provided to Ministers in 2020-200 about the funding of universities, including the impact of drops in the number of international students.

I have decided under section 15A of the Official Information Act to extend the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 25 working days. The new due date for responding to your request is 8 August 2023.

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 decide on your request as soon as reasonably practicable.

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

Yours sincerely

Danijela Tavich

Acting Team Leader, Communities Learning and Work