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Ref: OIA 009

William James

By email: fyi-request-25078-75797888@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear William,

Thank you for your request received on 11 December 2023 to Hon Brooke van Velden requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Any official advice and communications received by your office from government agencies about Fair Pay Agreements. This request encompasses communications such as text messages, emails, phone calls, or any other forms of correspondence, from government entities, including but not limited to the Ministry for Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE), Treasury, or external consultancy firms (e.g., EY, PwC, if applicable).*
- *A full and unredacted copy of the advice referenced in multiple New Zealand media outlets this week, as reported at the following link:*
<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2023/12/fair-pay-agreements-leaked-cabinet-paper-reveals-workplace-relations-minister-brooke-van-velden-at-odds-with-official-advice.html>.

I am writing to advise you that my Office needs to extend the time available to provide you with the documents covered by your request. My response will be sent to you no later than 15 March 2023.

The reasons for this extension per section 15A of the Act are that:

- your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations.
- Consultations necessary to make a decision on this request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be reasonably made within the original time limit.

Please note that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is currently experiencing high volumes of demand for information about this subject, and this has meant that more time is being taken to provide responses to requests for information than in normal circumstances.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decision to extend the time limit. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety