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Tēnā koe Andrew Riddell

Thank you for your email of 10 June 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

On 6 April 2021 the Building Performance and Engineering section of the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment released a consultation document titled 'Consultation document - Building Code update 2021'.

This document included proposals to change the building insulation requirements for housing and small buildings (Proposal 1 Energy Efficiency for Housing and Small Buildings).

Please provide copies of all direct or indirect correspondence and communications between the Prime Minister or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Building Performance and Engineering section of the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment relating the energy efficiency proposal for housing and small buildings during the period from 6 April 2021 to 29 November 2021, inclusive.

Note that correspondence and communications would include emails, meeting agendas/minutes/file notes, and notes of phone calls as well as letters and briefing reports.

I am writing to notify you that I am extending the timeframe for responding to your request under section 15A(1)(a) of the Act: that the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department. We will now respond to your request on or before 6 August 2024, which is an extension of 20 working days.

Please note that this extension reflects the fact that the information you have requested captures communications from more than two years ago, and as such we need to search through a large amount of information to identify if there is anything relevant to your request. Please note that it may be the case that no information will ultimately be identified in scope of your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's decision in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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