

10 September 2024

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REF: OIA-16205

Dear Thomas

**Extension of time to respond to request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Considering recent public service job cuts, I would like to know the total number of full-time employee's vs contract employees in a list/table format below in reference to the NZTA regional model including*

*1. Individuals employed by NZTA as contractors acting as NZTA agents via a consultancy providing professional services including but not limited to project management, property management, planning services that are embedded within regional teams of:*

- *System Design,*
- *Infrastructure & Delivery*
- *Maintenance & Operations,*
- *Communications & Engagement.*

*As well as major Projects like O2NL*

*2. Can you please share the staffing and expenditure related to acquiring the following services over the period Jan 2024 to June 2024.*

*This should be in the form:*

- *Number of employees (expressed as FTEs)*
- *Number of contractors/consultants (expressed as FTEs)*
- *Total expenditure on contractors/consultants*

*For each of the following two services:*

- *System Design*
- *Infrastructure and Delivery*

*For each of the following regions:*

- *Northland and Auckland*
- *Waikato and Bay of Plenty*
- *Central North Island*
- *Greater Wellington and Top of the South Island*
- *West Coast, Canterbury, Otago and Southland*

This letter is to advise you that NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request, as allowed for under section 15A of the Act. We require an additional 15 working days and will send you a response on or before 4 October 2024.

The deadline is being extended as the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a thorough response cannot reasonably be made within the original 20-working-day limit.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the extension. More information about the Ombudsman is available online at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss the extension with NZTA, please email the Ministerial Services team via email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'TJ', is positioned above the printed name.

**Tom James**  
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