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Ref: OIA 154

James Webb
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Dear James,

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2024 to my Office requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

“Please provide all communications to and from your office on the minimum wage since January 2024.

Please also provide all advice received on minimum wage. Please ensure that copies provided are versions with the Minister’s decisions on them.

I also request all notes made by office staff on the Minister’s preferences and feedback on the minimum wage settings.”

On 15 January 2025, my Office offered to rescope your request as follows:

- *Finalised policy briefings between January 2024 and 19 December 2024 for the Minimum Wage Rate.*

You responded on 22 January 2025 with the following refined request:

“Please provide all communications to and from your office between MPs and officials on the minimum wage since January 2024.

Please also provide all advice received on minimum wage. Please ensure that copies provided are versions with the Minister’s decisions on them and any written notes”

The first part of your refined request remains overly broad in scope, and encompasses an extremely large amount of information, collation of which would place an excessive administrative burden on my Office and the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE). I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

In regard to the second part of your request, I am writing to notify you that I am extending the timeframes for responding to your request. The reason for the extension is that your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time

limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations. The new due date for your request is 20 March 2025. We will try to respond to you before this date, if possible. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'BW', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety