

# Hon Nicola Willis

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Dear James

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received on 22 January 2025. You requested:

- 1. How many OIAs has your Office received between October 1 2024 and December 31 2024? Can you please note how many of those were transferred from other departments, agencies, or Ministers?*
- 2. What was the average number of days taken to respond to requests?*
- 3. How many requests have been extended?*
- 4. How many requests have been responded to after 20 days? Can you please note how many of those were not extended?*
- 5. How many requests do you have that are overdue as of the date of this request? (i.e. have not been extended but have not been responded to in the statutory 20 days from receipt).*

## Part 1

In my capacity as Minister of Finance and Minister for Social Investment, I received 60 OIA requests between 1 October 2024 and 31 December 2024. Of these requests five were transferred to me.

## Part 2

For the Social Investment specific OIA requests it has taken an average of 22 days to respond.

My office does not keep a record of the number of working days it takes to respond to OIA requests that cover multiple portfolios or are Finance specific. As such I am unable to provide the average days for these OIA requests. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, on the grounds that the requested information does not exist.

## Part 3

Of the 60 OIAs I received between 1 October 2024 and 31 December 2024, four were extended.

#### **Part 4**

For the Social Investment specific OIA requests, one was responded to after 20 working days. This request had been extended.

My office does not keep a record of the number of working days it takes to respond to OIA requests that cover multiple portfolios or are Finance specific. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, on the grounds that the requested information does not exist.

#### **Part 5**

As at 22 January 2025, I had four overdue OIA requests.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Willis', is written in a cursive style.

Hon Nicola Willis  
**Minister of Finance**