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Michael Riconosciuto
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Dear Michael

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 20 May 2026. You requested:

What advice has the Minister received recommending that the number of public servants should be limited to 1% of the population?

I have decided under section 15A of the Official Information Act to extend the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days. The new due date for responding to your request is 17 July 2026.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request.

This extension will also apply to the time limit for transferring your request, should this become relevant.

Notwithstanding this extension, I undertake to make a decision on your request as soon as reasonably practicable.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Willis'.

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance