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Dear Ms Fairey

Thank you for your email of 30 July 2012, in which you request the following:

- a) *Please provide information on the decision to bring forward the implementation date of shifting the Ministry's payroll to Novopay, from Datacom.*
- b) *Specifically I would like to know who made the decision, whether it went to the Minister or Cabinet, what advice was given by officials regarding the implementation, and what were the reasons given for making the decision to bring the date forward.*
- c) *I would also like to know what advice the Ministry received from Treasury, Novopay, Datacom and the working group looking at switching systems, in regard to the appropriate timeframe to execute the new payroll system, in particular anything which indicated a recommended date for implementation.*

I understand that during your discussion with Alison Anderson on 13 August, you advised that you were only seeking information generated within the last 12 months.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

Extension of time limit for responding the request

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 Ministry. I also need time to consult with the bodies mentioned. Under section 15A of the Act I am extending the timeframe for responding by an additional 10 working days to allow me to make a decision on your request.

Under sections 19 and 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to discuss your request further or if you wish to clarify the scope of your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Leanne Gibson
Chief Information Officer
Information Technology