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Dear Mr Joyce

Thank you for confirming your full name on 18 January 2017, further to your original request of 24 December 2016 for the following information:

Under the Official Information Act, I request as a citizen of New Zealand, information (specified in numbers 1-4 below) relating to any and all contact or communication in the period between 1 February 2015 and 1 December 2016 as between A and B:

A. MBIE (or any member or representative of MBIE) and B. Colleen Cavanagh (or any associated parties related to Mrs Cavanagh) or to the patent attorney firm AJ Park (or any of its partners, employees, contractors or associated persons).

The information requested includes:

- 1. the fact that there has been contact or communication between the relevant parties*
- 2. any details or records of such contact or communication*
- 3. the content of such contact or communication*
- 4. any phone bills, phone records, emails, or draft emails relating to 1-3 above and includes, but is not limited to, any information relating to Callaghan Innovation or Callaghan Innovation's InnovationIP Programme.*

The Ministry currently has over 3000 employees across multiple locations, therefore it would require substantial collation and research to source the information (if any) you requested. Furthermore the Ministry does not know the identities of either "any associated parties related to Mrs Cavanagh" or "employees, contractors or associated persons" of AJ Park. In the Ministry's view fixing a charge under section 15 or extending the time limit under section 15A would not enable your request to be granted. It is therefore likely that the Ministry will refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act.

However, before making this decision, the Ministry invites you to consider significantly narrowing the scope of your request in a manner that may enable the request to be responded to. In the interests of time, we would appreciate hearing back from you from by 10 February 2017 if possible.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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