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Ms Alex Harris
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Dear Ms Harris

Thank you for your email of 31 August 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, all documents relating to the policy to drug test beneficiaries, particularly information about the costs of the policy and the compliance with the Bill of Rights Act.

This letter is to advise you that I need to extend the time available to answer your request. The response will be with you no later than 12 October 2012. I apologise for the delay in getting the response to you. I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

The reason for the extension is that I need further time to consult with other parties on the release of the information you have requested. These other parties may be affected by the release of the information and I need to provide them with an opportunity to identify any prejudice that might arise from its release before I make a final decision.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

Brendan Boyle
Chief Executive