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Dear Mr Pearce

On 5 April 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- 1) *How many women did CYFS (now MVC) offer to pay for sterilization in 2014, 15, 16?*
- 2) *How many women did CYFS (now MVC) pay to have sterilized in 2014, 15, 16?*
- 3) *How many of the women received their children back after being sterilized in 2014, 2015, 2016?*
- 4) *How many Home for Life placements did CYFS (now MVC) perform in 2014, 15, 16?*
- 5) *How many women signed orders/papers allowing their future children to be taken from birth/ releasing future parental responsibility at birth by CYFS (now MVC) in 2014, 15, 16?*
- 6) *How many uplifts during child's first month of life did CYFS (now MVC) perform in 2014, 15, 16?*
- 7) *How many uplifts while child and mother were in hospital did CYFS (now MVC) perform in 2014, 15, 16? of these how many were performed under Court Order?*
- 8) *How many COT/CIDS deaths have occurred in babies under 3 years of age while in CYFS (now MVC) care in 2014, 15, 16?*

On 8 April 2017, you also requested:

- 9) *How many suicides by children in the care of CYFS (now MVC) were there during 2014, 15, 16?*
- 10) *Can I have statistics on numbers of those who made notifications of abuse to CYFS (now MVC) where they were then investigated themselves in 2014, 15, 16? Can I have those statistics on Gender and relationship to child.*

For all ten questions, you requested the statistics be provided at a national level as well as being broken down to a regional level and to the level of specific branches for the following areas:

- *Lower Hutt,*
- *Upper Hutt,*
- *South Auckland,*
- *Onehunga,*
- *Tauranga,*
- *Palmerston North*
- *Christchurch offices.*

This letter is to advise you that the Ministry has received your requests, however requires more time to respond to these requests. In accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Official Information Act, the Ministry's decision will be with you no later than 18 June 2017.

The reason for the extension is that your requests are for a large quantity of information and it will take longer than the 20 working day time limit to collate the material you have requested and assess whether any interest might be prejudiced by its release. Additionally, the Ministry needs 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 by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely



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