

Mr Matthew Whitehead
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Dear Mr Whitehead

On 21 July 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Was the Minister (or any other Government member) informed at any time that emergency housing costs could reach \$50million for this year?*
- *What figures, if any, did the ministry provide estimating the anticipated cost of emergency housing, and when were they provided? Please include any revised estimates.*

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

The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

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



Elisabeth Brunt
General Manager Ministerial and Executive Services