

24 April 2018

Richard
Via FYI.org site

E-mail: fyi-request-7556-70026cad@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Richard,

Official Information Act (1982) requests

I write in response to your Official Information Act requests for information submitted between 23 March and 12 April, requesting various details related to CMDHB facilities and infrastructure.

We are writing to advise we will require a 20 working day extension to complete our response. As you will be aware, we have received a significant number of requests on these matters (45 separate questions, in 27 requests from 16 individuals representing 10 agencies/entities). We have also had a number of key staff away on planned leave during this period, and a change in the contractor engaged to support collation of the requested material. In addition, many of the questions relate to material that requires us to consult / advise other third parties. In addition, the questions require that we research information that has already been archived, as it relates to files of staff that have left the organisation. This will be undertaken at the DHB's own cost. These factors have combined to result in a longer than anticipated collation process.

Therefore, we are unable to provide our response in the required timeframe for the first of your requests submitted between 23 March 2018 and 3 April 2018.

Our intention is to release our responses to all of the questions raised on these matters during March and April 2018, to all interested parties. Further, given the importance of this information for our people working in these facilities to deliver health care to the people of Counties Manukau, we will release the collated material for responses to CM Health employees prior to release to the wider community.

Under Section 15A of the Official Information Act 1982, we are therefore extending the period for responding to your request until Wednesday 23 May 2018.

You have the right, under Section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to extend the time limit for deciding upon your request.

Yours sincerely,



Gloria Johnson
Chief Executive (Acting)