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Dear A Robinson

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2018 via fyi.org.nz for the following information:

*"Dear Learning Support, Wellington, Ministry of Education,
The Ministry is responsible for planning for and delivery of support for students with
additional learning needs. In accordance with the Official Information Act:*

- 1. How many students in the Wellington Learning Support area have additional learning needs?*
- 2. Have all SENCOs, schools, and ECEs been recently surveyed on the number of students they have with possible or confirmed additional learning needs?*

Note: a previous broader request was declined by the Ministry on the grounds that the information was too difficult to collate and would take staff from their core business. This request is specific to the Wellington Learning Support area, and the planning for and provision of learning support IS their core business."

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 20 working days, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as 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.

For this reason, you can expect to receive a response to your request by **18 September 2018**. We will try to respond sooner than this date if possible.

Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this extension you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

If you want to discuss this further you can contact me by email 04 463 2858 or at Lorraine.Monahan@education.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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