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Dear K I Davis

Official Information Act (the Act) request OIA1819-0119

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (Act) request which was received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 27 August 2018.

We note that you have previously requested information from the Department of Internal Affairs on this topic, on 10 January 2017, 18 February 2017 and 22 May 2018. Information that has been released to you in previous requests has been excluded from the Department's response to your latest request.

You requested the following information:

- 1. The acknowledgment letter between the DIA and Nga Taonga Sound and Vision regarding the expanded use of the Avalon facility (noted in Brendon Davies's email of 9 April 2018, titled "Avalon MOU renewal"). If the MOU with the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH) relating to the Avalon facility has changed from that signed in 2014 could you please include that too.
- 2. All official information that the DIA holds relating to Nga Taonga building a second repository at the Avalon facility.
- 3. All official information that the DIA holds from January 2018 onwards relating to Nga Taonga's occupancy or potential occupancy of any other facility owned by the Crown and operated by the DIA.

In response to part one of your request, we can confirm that the acknowledgment letter between DIA and Ngā Taonga Sound and Vision has not been written and the MOU with MCH relating to the Avalon facility has not changed since it was signed in 2014.

In response to part two of your request, the Department does not hold any information relating to Ngā Taonga building a second repository at the Avalon facility apart from what was released to you on the 19 June 2018.

Regarding the third part of your request, consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit, the Department is extending the timeframe for decision by 15 working days.

The Department's response to the third part of your request will now be made by no later than 12 October 2018.

If you have any feedback or questions in relation to this response, please let us know at OIA@dia.govt.nz

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 Freephone 0800 802 602

Yours sincerely

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