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Dear T Martin

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which on 14 November 2018 was amended to:

- *Whether any critical evaluation of the effectiveness of the three methods Acceptable Work Program Offer, Newly Available Acreage, and Competitive Tender for minerals permit allocation has been carried out subsequent to the implementation of the Crown Minerals Amendment Act 2013.*
- *Any documents or reports relating to the evaluation of allocation methods.*
- *Any key correspondence regarding the necessity, requirement, or cancellation of such an evaluation.*
- *Any briefings to the Minister relating to the evaluation of allocation methods.*

I am writing to notify you that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is extending the timeframe for its response to your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original timeframe.

We will now respond to your request on, if not before, 24 January 2019, which is an extension of 15 working days. Please note that the dates from 25 December 2018 through to 15 January 2019 (inclusive) are not considered working days under the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at:

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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