



12 DEC 2018

Dr Adam Ward
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Dear Adam Ward,

On 20 November 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *A data set specifying the number of people claiming the following types of benefits by 2017 Area Unit Boundary:*
 - *Job Seeker Support (JS Related)*
 - *Sole Parent Support (SPS Related)*
 - *Supported Living Payment (SLP Related)*
 - *Other benefits*
- For each month/ quarter from July 2017 onwards.

You advised that the data requested was the same as that provided to you previously under job number IMSD-5348, but for the time period specified.

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 as soon as possible and no later than 20 January 2019.

Please note, the three weeks between Christmas Day and 15 January the following year don't count as working days. This means that requests being compiled over this period may take longer than normal.

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