



Mr Gregory Soar  
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Dear Mr Soar

On 23 November 2018 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

*What are the total costs in regard MSD defending the recent Social Security Appeal Authority and High Court rulings in regard the use of false names by MSD staff?*

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 no later than 7 February 2019.

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](http://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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz)

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely

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