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Tēnā koe John Luke

On 6 September 2020 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information about the Children and Families Research Fund Independent Selection Panel:

- *The name and bio of each member of this independent selection panel.*
- *The job descriptions of these members and their pay rate per assessment or hourly rate.*
- *How do you call for public application to this selection panel, and what is your selection criteria?*
- *During the panel selection process, how many applications you received, how many you shortlisted and how many you appointed.*
- *What are their terms of appointment?*

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 28 October 2020.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

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