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Tēnā koe Micky,

Your Official Information Act request, reference OIA 2223-0090

I refer to your email of 22 July 2022 to Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Minister for Local Government, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. How Three Waters will be funded*
- 2. Evidence of 'Operational Efficiencies' for each proposed Three Waters entity (detailed 30 year forecast for each entity)*
- 3. Evidence of how the areas you have chosen to include in each entity create 'Operational Efficiencies' (particularly how having Entity C split between the two islands would achieve lower costs)*
- 4. Actual detailed cost forecasts for each individual city council over 30 years without Three Waters reforms*

On 2 August 2022, your request was transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) for response. On 30 August 2022, the Department extended the time to respond to your request by 20 working days under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act.

The Department has decided under section 15(1) of the Act to grant your request. However, this process is ongoing due to consultations necessary to release information to you requiring completion. The formal response will be provided to you on or before 12 October 2022. The response will include information in the form of publicly available reports and cabinet papers combined with written responses to answer each part of your request.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to make a complaint to an Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision on your request. The contact address is: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rashad Saeedi', written in a cursive style.

Rashad Saeedi

Manager, Ministerial Services

Three Waters Reform Programme