



15 September 2022

Ref: DOIA 2223-0393 - Tim

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Dear Tim

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*I am interested to understand how much money has been spent on industry transformation plans to date, and how much is budgeted.*

*Could this request please be extended to any other ministry / government entity that has budget for this work. E.g. Min Primary Industries is doing forestry and food and beverage plans.*

*Please include in this request,*

- how many full time equivalent staff are working on industry transformation plans, listed by organisation*
- what is the annual cost of staff working on industry transformation plans, listed by Ministry, including salary and non-salary costs (e.g. overheads).*
- what has been the spending to date on external contractors on industry transformation plans, listed by external contractor and service provided.*
- what are the different budgets for industry transformation plans and how much is in each budget, over each year etc.*

*Finally, has any review been done by MBIE of the success of 'Industrial Policy' overseas and in New Zealand's own history and the return on investment? If reports have been done considering such matters, is it please possible to have a copy? Has MBIE relied on reports that exist already and if so, which reports?*

I am writing to advise you that MBIE will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The reason for the extension applies to section 15A(1)(a) of the Act, as the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department, and to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot be made within the original time limit.

MBIE's response will be sent to you no later than 14 October 2022. However, we will respond to you sooner if we are able to.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gina Williamson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Gina Williamson**  
Manager, Industry Policy  
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