

Office of Hon Carmel Sepuloni

MP for Kelston

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

Minister for Auckland

Minister for Social Development and Employment

Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety

Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs (Pacific Region)



9 August 2023

Ref: OIA 23-720

James

Email: fyi-request-23533-3e3af398@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe James

Thank you for your request on 19 July 2023 to Minister Sepuloni requesting, under the *Official Information Act 1982* (the Act), the following information:

'Any and all meeting minutes or internal papers from the Fair Pay Agreement Working Group.'

Following this request, officials at the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE) contacted you on 19 July 2023 to say that the scope of your request captures a large number of documents, and a timeframe extension may be required. A suggested alternative option was to release the titles and your preferred documents to you first. You confirmed that you prefer to receive all the documents.

I am writing to advise you that I need to extend the time available to answer your request for another 35 working days. The response will be sent to you no later than 4 October 2023.

The reason for the extension is that your request is for a large quantity of information and several documents require consultation, meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operation of my office and MBIE.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'C Sepuloni'.

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