



Sam Mellor
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Dear Sam Mellor

On 9 December 2019 you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *All material regarding the proposal, development and implementation of the policy to provide beneficiaries with My Food Bag (or similar) meal delivery service as outlined in this recent media piece <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/beneficiaries-being-delivered-my-food-bag-meals-part-government-trial-v1>*
- *In particular I am seeking the following that relate to this policy:*
 - *meeting minutes, notes, aide memoire*
 - *correspondence between the Ministry and the provider*
 - *any informal documents or other internal literature*
 - *any information related to costing the policy.*

On 13 January 2019, you were contacted by the Ministry in regards to the scope of your request and agreed to change your request to the following:

- *Copies of all official briefings, memos, or advice provided and received by MSD regarding the decision to trialling My Food Bag boxes with beneficiaries.*

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 21 February 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 or 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request about the My Food Bag with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a long horizontal line that ends in a small flourish.

Kate Satterthwaite
General Manager Ministerial and Executive Services