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Tēnā koe J Bruning

**Your Official Information Act request, reference OIA 22/23–0252**

Thank you for your email of 22 September 2022 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please supply all costs/renumeration paid to strategy and management consultancy firms and staff for services rendered, including PWC/Deloitte/Boston Consulting Group/McKinsey concerning information and advice supplied to the DIA from July 1 2018 - July 1 2022.*

*This is for information relating to Three Waters. This includes the Review and services ended [sic] for advice relating to three waters management (such as, but not restricted to, infrastructure upgrades, the Taumata Arowai – Water Services Regulator Bill, and the Water Services Bill for safe drinking water and the Water Services Entities Bill.*

*Please separate costs by firm and by year.*

On **18 October 2022**, the Department notified you of an extension in reliance of sections 15A(1)(a) and 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as your 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. Additionally, 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. A decision regarding your request was due to you no later than **5 December 2022**.

This letter is to notify you that the Department intends to release the information requested but requires more time to finalise and prepare the information for release. I anticipate sending the response to you no later than **19 December 2022**.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

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