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Dear

**Official Information Act 1982 investigation
Ministry of Social Development
Request for the salaries of advisors to MSD**

I write further to Manager Tinus Schutte's letter of 4 May 2015 regarding the progress of my investigations into your complaints about the Ministry's responses to two of your requests for information.

In relation to your request to the Ministry on 11 June 2013, for a range of information relating to the assessment of the entitlement to benefits, one part of your request was for the salaries of Dr David Bratt, Ms Anne Hawker and Dr David Rankin.

As you are aware, I am required to consult with the Privacy Commissioner under section 29A of the Official Information Act 1982, when one of the grounds for withholding official information relates to the privacy of parties other than the requester. I have written to the Privacy Commissioner accordingly in this case.

We will write to you again once we have reviewed the Privacy Commissioner's response (requested by 17 June 2015).

In the meantime, if you have any queries please contact Ms on (09) 379

Yours sincerely



Professor Ron Paterson
Ombudsman