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20 November 2015

Mr

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Dear Mr

**Official Information Act investigation
Ministry of Social Development
Deemed refusal of request for official information**

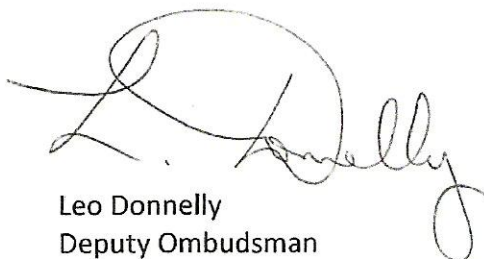
On behalf of Ombudsman, Ron Paterson, I refer to your correspondence of 1 November 2015, in which you make a complaint about a delay by the Ministry of Social Development ('the Ministry') in responding to your requests for official information.

I understand that your requests were received by the Ministry on 9 July 2015, and the timeframe for response was extended until 3 September 2015. We are currently making enquiries with the Ministry, and will write to you again shortly.

In the meantime, I have been informed that a decision on your requests is expected to be made and communicated to you within the next few weeks. If you are not satisfied with the substantive response please feel free to write to Professor Paterson again.

M is assisting the Ombudsman with your complaint about the delay. Please feel free to contact him if you have any queries on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Leo Donnelly
Deputy Ombudsman