

Reference: 20250647

26 September 2025

Wendy McGuinness
The McGuinness Institute
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Dear Wendy

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act, received on 31 August 2025 and your additional request received 5 September. You requested information regarding COVID 19 and the wage subsidy.

I have decided under section 15A of the Official Information Act to extend the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 50 working days. The new due date for responding to your request is 8 December 2025.

The extension is required because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, and consultations are needed before a decision can be made on your request.

This extension will also apply to the time limit for transferring your request, should this become relevant.

Notwithstanding this extension, I undertake to decide on your request as soon as reasonably practicable.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Team Leader, Ministerial Advisory Service