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## Extension of time under s 15AB

Dear Julie

On 18 December 2018, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (the Department) applied for further time to make a decision on your FOI request of 15 November 2018.

This application was on the basis that the processing period is insufficient to deal adequately with your request, because it is complex and voluminous.

The Department advised that the statutory timeframe had been suspended under s 24AB of the FOI Act. The consultation period expires 31 December 2018.

## Decision

As a delegate of the Information Commissioner, I am authorised to make decisions on applications for extensions of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act. I have decided to grant the Department an extension of time under s 15AB(2) of the FOI Act **to 9 January 2019**.

By granting an extension of time it is anticipated that the Department will be better placed to finalise the consultation process and provide a well-reasoned and better managed decision.

## Contact

If you have any questions about this email, please contact me on 02 9284 9746 or via email [foidr@oaic.gov.au](mailto:foidr@oaic.gov.au). In all correspondence please include OAIC reference number RQ18/03741.

Yours sincerely

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