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Dear Grace Haden

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your email of 5 November 2013, received on 6 November 2013 relating to animal welfare officers.

An extension to your Official Information Act request of 20 September 2013 was sought to allow adequate time for the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to consult with the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RNZSPCA). The fact that part of your request was refused is incidental.

In accordance with section 128 of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 an inspector is required to produce evidence of his or her appointment as an inspector and evidence of his or her identity when exercising a power of entry under section 127 of the Act. The photo identification card issued to an inspector at the time of his or her appointment provides this information.

The reasons for MPI withholding the names of RNZSPCA inspectors and auxiliary officers were detailed in the letter sent to you on 5 November 2013. MPI is not responsible for administering legislation relating to private investigators and as such is not in a position to comment on whether privacy is or is not a factor for this industry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. W. Fisher".

Mark Fisher
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