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Dear Andrew Tipton

### EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 25 October 2019 for information regarding "*all of the data access requests that MPI has made for access to data for the purposes set out in sections 40(e) and 40(g)*".

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) because your request is for a large quantity of information and meeting the normal 20 working day time limit would unreasonably interfere with the day-to-day operations of MPI. MPI will reply to your request by no later than 22 January 2020, or earlier if possible.

This extension incorporates a summer holiday period from 25 December to 15 January, as per section 2 of the OIA. Please see the Office of the Ombudsman's website for further information - <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit for responding to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Witcombe'.

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