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Dear Grace Haden

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 13 February 2020 relating to prosecution guidelines for animal welfare offences. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the OIA because consultation necessary to make a decision on your request is such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the normal 20 working day time limit.

MPI will reply to your request by no later than 26 March 2020, earlier if possible.

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

Michelle Morehu

Director Government Services