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Dear Alan Shaw

I refer to your official information request on 30 May 2015 regarding the decision to export sheep to Saudi Arabia and the follow up reports about the health of the sheep upon arrival.

We will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the normal 20 working day time limit. Accordingly, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has decided to extend the time limit for responding to your request pursuant to section 15A of the OIA. MPI will reply to your request by no later than 29 July 2015, earlier if possible.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 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 'M Stone'.

Matthew Stone  
Director, Animal and Animal Products