



29 JUN 2015

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Dear A Baxter

I refer to your official information request on 4 June 2015 regarding the research objectives, cost, and further research information regarding the flock of sheep to Saudi Arabia.

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