Ministry for Primary Industries Manatū Ahu Matua

OIA16-0267

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Dear Graham Carter

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 1 June 2016 requesting a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding agreed to by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the commercial fishing industry around the use of onboard camera monitoring systems across ten trawl vessels operating in the snapper 1 fishery (SNA1) as detailed in Hon Nathan Guy's speech in May 2014 to the New Zealand Federation of Commercial Fisherman's conference.

Given the scope of this request, MPI will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Accordingly, 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 22 July 2016, earlier if possible.

The extension is necessary 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.

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

Dave Turner

Director Fisheries Management