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Dear Gary Stephenson

### EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 25 October 2016 regarding the following:

- *How much money has been granted to Landcare Research to research new Rabbit Haemorrhagic Viruses (RHDV) for each of the past five years?*
- *How much money has been granted to Landcare Research to ensure vaccines are available for any RHDV they are researching?*

MPI will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) because consultation 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. MPI will reply to your request by no later than 6 December 2016, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Veronica Herrera'.

Veronica Herrera  
Director, IDC & Response