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Dear Alex

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 9 February 2018 for: *"All advice (including but not limited to briefings, aide memoires, reports and cabinet papers) on irrigation / water storage received since the Minister took office."*

I will not be able to respond within the normal 20 working day time limit because of the amount of consultation necessary. I am therefore extending this request and will reply by 29 March 2018, earlier if possible.

I am able to provide a list of written briefings I have received on the topic:

- B17-0675 – Direction on the wind-down of Crown funding of water infrastructure development in New Zealand.
- B17-0810 – Crown Irrigation Update and Options.
- AM18-0077 – Crown-funded water management and infrastructure portfolio quarterly report (1 October – 31 December 2017).

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Damien O'Connor', written over a horizontal line.

Hon Damien O'Connor
Minister for Agriculture