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Melissa Stark

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Dear Melissa Stark

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 14 March 2018 regarding advice received by Minister Damien O'Connor regarding RHDV1a-k5.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the normal 20 working day time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of MPI.

MPI will reply to your request by no later than 2 May 2018, 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


Hon. Damien O'Connor
Minister for Biosecurity