

Hon Damien O'Connor



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Sionelle Williams

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Dear Sionelle Williams

RELEASE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

I refer to your official information request of 17 March 2018 relating to advice received by the Minister of Agriculture Hon. Damien O'Connor regarding the Cylap and RHDV1a-K5 virus.

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 consultation necessary to make a decision on your request is 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 22 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.

Yours sincerely


Hon Damien O'Connor
Minister for Agriculture