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Dear Steve Glassey

## EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 31 August 2018 relating to any information and correspondence mentioning Animal Evac, or such derivatives, held by the Ministry created, received or otherwise, from the period 1 May to 31 August.

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 7 November 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

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