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Gary Stephenson
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Dear Gary

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 11 October 2018 relating to Rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV2).

I 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.

I will reply to your request by no later than 26 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 my decision to extend the time limit for responding to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Hon Damien O'Connor
Minister for Biosecurity