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Dear Allan Thompson

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 23 April 2019 for “a summary of the total costs that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment incurred in their response to the Tasman Fires that commenced on 5th February 2019”. You advised on 7 May 2019 that your request was intended to request the costs incurred by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

MPI will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the normal 20 working day time limit.

MPI intends to consult with the Tasman District Council and the Top of the South Rural Support Trust, and will reply to your request by no later than 29 May 2019, or 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Witcombe'.

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