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John Hill
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Dear John Hill

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 6 June 2017 regarding the rationale for inclusion of chemical markers in mānuka plants and queries related to why Leptosperin was excluded from the identification of mānuka honey in the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Mānuka honey science program.

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 will reply to your request by no later than 25 July 2017, 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 that reads "C. Reed".

Christine Reed
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