## Ministry for Primary Industries Manatū Ahu Matua

OIA17-0499

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Dear Marita Leask

## EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 20 August 2017 for the following:

- 1. Any cabinet papers relating to IEMRS
- 2. Minister and Associate Minister reports that mention IEMRS
- 3. Aide-memoire and briefings (draft and final) that mention IEMRS
- 4. All internal and external staff correspondence regarding public engagement for IEMRS
- 5. All internal and external staff correspondence regarding consultation with stakeholders on IEMRS
- 6. Any reports on IEMRS including the exit report for the pilot study
- 7. Any analysis and evidence that supports the decision to implement IEMRS
- 8. Any analysis and evidence that does not support or back up the decision to implement IEMRS
- 9. External consultants work on IEMRS

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 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 31 October 2017, or earlier if possible.

Please confirm as soon as possible whether or not we can identify you as the requestor to the consulted party/parties. The Ombudsman's Office considers that identification of the requester is good practice when consulting with affected third parties and that is the approach we propose to take here, subject to your views.

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

Stuart Anderson

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