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Dear Rachel Maria Stedman

### EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 21 March 2018 regarding the use of live crayfish in restaurants.

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 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 May 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Grant Bryden', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Grant Bryden  
Director Biosecurity and Animal Welfare Policy