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**Ministry for Primary Industries**  
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OIA18-0265

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Dear Mark Hanna

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request on 17 April 2018 relating to Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) response times. For reference, I have copied your questions below:

*For the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 December 2017, broken down by request:*

1. *The date on which the request was received.*
2. *The date on which the request was answered.*
  - 2a. *If the request was answered on the last allowable day, the time at which the request was answered*
3. *Whether or not the request was extended under section 15A of the OIA.*
  - 3a. *If the request was extended, the date on which notice of the extension was sent to the requester.*
  - 3b. *If the notice of extension was sent to the requester on the last allowable day, the time at which the notice of extension was sent to the requester.*
  - 3c. *If the request was extended, the duration of the extension.*
4. *The outcome of the request (e.g. all information released, transferred to another agency).*

When the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) receives a request for information under the Official information Act 1982 (OIA), in every instance we endeavour to provide a decision on the request as soon as practicable. In some instances, as stipulated in the OIA, we require additional time to provide a decision to the requestor. If this is likely to occur, we will often communicate with the requestor prior to extending to see if the request can be refined to a point where an extension may not be required.

The effort to respond as soon as possible is reflected in the data which shows that for 61% of requests received during the time period, MPI did not require an extension to answer OIA requests.

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Under the OIA, MPI is releasing to you a spreadsheet detailing (from 1 July 2017 to 30 December 2017):

- Date of receipt
- Date Due
- Date decision sent
- Whether a request was extended

The other parts of your request (2a, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4) cannot be collated without substantial resources and staff time as they are not held centrally. This is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA. I understand you have discussed this with Senior OIA Advisor Keegan Platten via email on 23 April 2018.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse parts of your request.

Yours sincerely



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