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Dear Rebecca Ong

### **EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 24 February 2020 requesting information relating to section 183A of the Animal Welfare Act 1999. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You re scoped your request on 13 March 2020 to the following:

- 1. Full versions of the assessments for the layer hen code of welfare, pig code of welfare, dairy cattle code of welfare and the meat chicken code of welfare that came out of the February 2015 meeting of the working group wherein MPI undertook a process to identify what matters would be appropriate to be considered for regulations, specifically identifying whether there were existing activities that were disallowed or transitional requirements within codes of welfare.*
- 2. Whether there are any further documents or correspondence (e.g. explanatory notes, cabinet papers, ministerial briefings, policy documents, drafting history and internal communications) referring to practices that might be the subject of regulations under s 183A since the promulgation of the Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations 2018 - particularly in relation to layer hens and meat chickens.*

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the OIA because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the normal 20 working day time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of MPI.

MPI will reply to your request by no later than 30 June 2020, 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 'Michelle Morehu'.

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