

# Hon Meka Whaitiri

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Tēnā koe Barry

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 March 2021, regarding advice I have received on animal welfare in zoos, which has been transferred to me to respond to in my capacity as Associate Minister of Agriculture (Animal Welfare). Your request is being considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

I am extending the time to respond to your request by 20 working days under section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, as 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.

I will reply to your request by no later than 3 May 2021, earlier if possible.

Should you have any concerns with this extension, these can be raised with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Nāku noa, nā



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