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**Ministry for Primary Industries**  
Manatū Ahu Matua



OIA13-373

James Bascand  
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Dear Mr Bascand

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND EXTENSION**

I acknowledge your official information request of 21 March 2014 relating to data on independent processors who receive raw milk from Fonterra.

Given the nature of this request, the Ministry for Primary Industries will not be able to respond within the normal 20 working day timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The Ministry needs to consult with affected third parties before providing a proper response to your request. Consequently, we have decided to extend the time limit to no later than 23 May 2014 under section 15A of the OIA.

Please confirm, as soon as possible, whether or not we can identify you as the requester to the consulted parties. The Ombudsmen's Office considers identification of a requester good practice and we propose to take this approach, subject to your views. We note that as your request was made through the publically searchable internet service fyi.org.nz the affected parties will be able to access this information in any event.

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. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsmen  
PO Box 10 152  
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jarred Mair'.

Jarred Mair  
Director Sector Policy  
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