



OIA16-0591

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Dear Gary Stephenson

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 8 October 2016 regarding Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) funding for humane methods of wild rabbit control. You specifically asked:

How much money was invested in:

RHDV virus research to kill wild rabbits in the past 5 years?

Other poisons to kill wild rabbits?

Humane biological reproduction control of wild rabbits?

Other humane controls of wild rabbits (and what were they?)

MPI will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) because consultation 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 5 December 2016, 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

Veronica Herrera
Director, IDC & Response