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Dear Harrison

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request on 9 November 2016 relating to “copies of inspection reports for Kamo Wildlife Sanctuary” (KWS).

As per my letter to you on 7 December 2016, in order to satisfy your request and to meet the public interest for release of this information, the attached timeline summary of MPI’s actions in relation to KWS is released to you pursuant to section 16(1)(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Kebbell', written over a white background.

Chris Kebbell  
Director, Verification Services

## Kamo Wildlife Sanctuary Site Visits – Dec 2015- 2016

### 23 December 2015<sup>1</sup>

- MPI visited KWS to conduct inspection and discuss progress. Members of Zoo and Aquarium Association and WorkSafe New Zealand were in attendance.

### 28 January 2016

- MPI visited KWS to conduct inspection and discuss progress. Majority of the cats appeared healthy with no welfare issues evident; two cats had been recently assessed by the local veterinarian. An emergency drill exercise had taken place on 27 January. Learnings gained from the exercise were incorporated into the documented procedures.
- There have been no containment issues and the current maintenance is acceptable.

### 4 February 2016

- Follow up email from MPI to Kamo Wildlife Sanctuary in relation work being done on-site. Confirmation was received that a review was conducted by a contracted party and MPI was provided with the actions taken.

### 21 March 2016

- MPI visited KWS and conducted an extensive walk around the site accompanied by KWS staff. Builders were also onsite working on a new enclosure.
- Modifications to the enclosures in accordance with engineers' recommendations had been actioned. Additional safety measures around the enclosures, (i.e. locking mechanisms, strengthening to enclosure doors, and procedures for entering and exiting enclosures) have been refined.
- The new enclosures were well constructed and are almost complete.
- All animals appear to be in good health and there is plenty of food stored on site.
- MPI's overall assessment is that containment is being maintained, the animals are in good health, and progress with the enclosure modifications is slow but ongoing.

### 29/30 March 2016

- Correspondence between MPI and new General Manager of Kamo Wildlife Sanctuary on updated information relating to maintenance progress and changes to the operational manual.

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<sup>1</sup> Not within timeframe, but included due to proximity

**29 June 2016**

- Senior MPI staff visited KWS and met with the General Manager and the owner representative to inspect the site and further discuss the development plans, expectations of both parties, timelines, resources and ongoing changes on-site.
- KWS intentions were confirmed and it was agreed that KWS would submit a draft of its latest proposal.

**4 August 2016**

- MPI met with KWS owners to discuss the latest development proposal submitted by the General Manager. Clarification on requirements, expectations, and suggested amendments to the proposal were discussed.

**29 September 2016**

- Based on the discussions held on 4 August 2016 and the submission of a new proposal, a new compliance order was drafted and issued. MPI visited KWS to carry out inspections and meet with KWS staff. It was reported that staffing has been stable. All of the animals appeared to be in good condition.

**14 October 2016**

- MPI visited KWS, accompanied by WorkSafe New Zealand. A procedure was in action at the time of the visit for general anaesthesia of a tiger in order to conduct a general health check and X-ray. All activities were managed in a professional and competent manner under the supervision of an experienced veterinarian.

**2 December 2016**

- MPI visited KWS to undertake a general inspection, monitor progress with the enclosure modifications, and observe general anaesthesia of a cat for the purposes of surgery. All animals appear in good health and are being well fed. The KWS team is working cohesively and maintaining good liaison with several veterinarian experts.