



OIA17-0268

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Tim Newman
Care of FYI website

Dear Tim

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 9 May 2017 regarding 'any letters, documents, conversations or emails relating to the establishment of a salmon fishery being developed in the North Arm of Port Pegasus at Stewart Island'.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) because

- your request is for a large quantity of information and meeting the normal 20 working day time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of MPI.
- 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.

MPI will reply to your request by no later than 12 July 2017, earlier if possible.

Please confirm as soon as possible whether or not we can identify you as the requestor to the consulted parties. The Ombudsman's Office considers that identification of the requester is good practice when consulting with affected third parties and that is the approach we propose to take here, subject to your views.

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 'L. Southorn'.

Luke Southorn
Director Economic Development & Partnerships