

11 APR 2019

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Our ref: OIA 74286

Dear Mr Connell

Official Information Act request: documents related to the theft of livestock issues paper

Thank you for your email of 14 March 2019 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), documents related to the theft of livestock issues paper. You specifically requested:

1. *issues paper for targeted consultation "Addressing the theft of livestock", provided to the Law Society in 2018 ("the issues paper");*
2. *list of persons to whom the issues paper was distributed;*
3. *any documents discussing the desirability or need for consultation on the addition of the proposed new offences to the Crimes Act discussed in the issues paper; and*
4. *any documents discussing the merits of adding the new offences to the Crimes Act via SOP applying to the then Crimes Amendment Bill versus a new Bill.*

A response to your request is currently being prepared. However, due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request, a response cannot reasonably be made in the original timeframe. I am, therefore, extending the timeframe in which to respond to your request by 10 working days under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act and will respond to you by 25 April 2019.

In the interests of providing this information as soon as is practicable, we are interpreting documents to mean substantive advice received by the Minister, which includes the requested information. This interpretation excludes email correspondence, which would require substantial collation.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman about the decision to extend the time for responding to your request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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