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Subject: RE: AWINZ

Hi Mark

Thanks for your message.

My understanding of the outcome of the meeting with Bruce Ross, Larry Fergusson and Barry O'Neil on Thursday is that MAF's position is that while there are still some differences over the ultra vires question, the risk is minimal and can be managed. Any liability, in the remote chance that it might arise, is that of the territorial authority and the AWINZ application can now proceed subject to Caucus approval. Any reference to a section 37T option is to be removed. Legislation might need to be tidied up but there is no need to wait for that.

I discussed the possibility of a change in the structure of AWINZ in the future but it was agreed that the application should proceed in its present form and that any proposed alteration will be discussed and agreed with MAF first.

The way I see it the action plan is as follows:

1. Finalise the caucus paper and the Minister will put it to Caucus (both Labour and the Alliance).
2. The finishing details (if any) can be put to the AWINZ application
3. AWINZ can then be recommended and Gazetted
4. The first applications for inspector appointment, i.e. those who have the National Certificate, can then be processed by MAF Biosecurity Authority.

Is there anything else you feel needs to be actioned?

I'm okay to talk to you 8 to 8.30. I'll call you.

Attached is a further draft of the caucus paper based on discussions on Thursday.

I would like to reach finality on the paper by Wednesday morning if possible as I leave for the US Wednesday afternoon. I'm attending a course at the University of Missouri and will be back 2 October.

Regards
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