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Dear J Bruning

Thank you for your email of 12 December 2023 requesting information relating to Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures (SFF Futures) funding. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*'With a budget of approximately \$40 million a year, the Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures (SFF Futures) fund supports problem solving and innovation.'*

*Funding can be allocated to 'partnerships' and 'grants'.*

*Please can I have a list of approved and rejected partnerships and grants proposals from 2019-current. Included in this list is the funding amount proposed for and the institution/organisation or project lead making the proposal.*

SFF Futures projects that have been funded are published at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/sustainable-food-fibre-futures/sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures-projects/>. This information includes the amount of funding given and the project partners. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA – *that the information requested is publicly available.*

The details relating to rejected partnerships and grant proposals are withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA – *to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information.*

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

Further information about SFF Futures is available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/sustainable-food-fibre-futures/>.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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