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Dear Hannah Enderby

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 10 June 2019 for 'a summary of correspondence mentioning African swine fever (ASF) and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) between 1 January 2017 and 1 June 2019'. On 18 June, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) contacted you to attempt to clarify your request and you responded on 19 June with:

'Please refrain from sending me long winded pasted generic replies such as this and spend some time actually comprehending my OIA request. I asked for a summary. This will look like "658 emails discussing CWD, 112 emails discussing ASF" or something along these lines. By simply asking your own staff which agencies they have discussed these subjects with you will get a small list to pass on to me. And by asking how many staff have been on both cases and for how long, you will have a ball park figure for the amount invested. You will also quickly learn who is in charge and they can tell you the intended outcomes.'

On 20 June, MPI further explained the reasons for attempting to clarify your request and on 22 June you requested, 'please narrow the scope to 1 January 2019 to 1 June 2019 and restrict the search to a summary of meetings and emails between MPI and; OSPRI NZ Ltd, Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated, the New Zealand Pork Industry Board and Deer Industry NZ and their lawyers and other agents, reps, lobbyists etc.' The following information is released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

A search for any emails between MPI officials and, Deer Industry NZ; Federated Farmers; OSPRI and NZ Pork, returned 255 email chains that contained the keyword African swine fever and 42 email chains that contained the keyword Chronic Wasting

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Disease. Please note, MPI's search function is based on keywords and the numbers returned do not imply that the material contained in the emails is substantive in nature. It is also likely that the emails may include publically available material that has been shared between MPI and the organisations named in your request.

The table below details meetings, from 1 January 2019 to 1 June 2019, between MPI officials and NZ Pork regarding ASF. There have been no meetings with Deer Industry NZ, OSPRI or Federated Farmers.

Date	Meeting	Attendees
10-Jan-19	Develop plan for how to raise awareness of ASF	MPI NZ Pork Commercial Pig Veterinarian & Pathologist from Massey University
14-Jan-19	Further discuss communication material for ASF	MPI NZ Pork Commercial Pig Veterinarian
16-Jan-19	Test webinar software for upcoming ASF veterinary webinar	MPI NZ Pork
22-Mar-19	Discuss ASF communication material	MPI NZ Pork
26-Mar-19	Discuss pig databases and sending out ASF communications material to pig owners	MPI NZ Pork
1-Apr-19	Discuss pig databases and sending out ASF communications material to pig owners	MPI NZ Pork
24-May-19	Debrief from the CFIA-USDA African Swine Fever Forum held in Canada, 30 April-1 May 2019	MPI NZ Pork

There have been no meetings, from 1 January 2019 to 1 June 2019, between MPI and the named organisations regarding CWD, therefore your request for a summary of meetings relating to CWD is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

I trust this satisfies your request. You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

Yours sincerely



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