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Reference: OIA-2019/20-0095

Dear Mr Glassey

Official Information Act request relating to Reference to Animal Welfare in 2016/17 External Engagement

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 9 August 2019. You requested:

"...With the 2016/17 engagement [for the National Disaster Resilience Strategy], these would have formed part of any analysis and/or consultation.

As per the original OIA, can you please supply information held from that process that pertains to animal welfare."

I note this response has been prepared separately from the remainder of your questions in relation to the National Disaster Resilience Strategy, which you will be receiving in a separate set of responses (OIA-2019/20-0009).

In our search of records we identified two documents with information relevant to your request. We have decided to provide you an extract of a document at this point in time, and to provide context of how it relates to your request. Please let us know if you wish to receive further detail.

In 2016, National Workshops were held seeking to identify *National Resilience Strengths, Gaps and Next Steps*. A spreadsheet capturing Workshop feedback included the following entry:

| loc | # | Building Blocks/Things in Place | Component |
|-----|---|--|------------|
| T | | Existing arrangements, frameworks for animal welfare and rural sector. Need to be strengthened. MPI, CDEM, RSTs. | governance |

The location of 'T' indicates the workshop to have been held in Tauranga.

Based on our filing for the National Disaster Resilience Strategy, we have also identified that on 3 June 2016, a workshop was held, which records indicate was the 'Welfare Strategy Workshop'. A spreadsheet collating feedback from the workshop included a tab titled 'psychosocial'. In a column titled 'SWAP Approach/What next?', four of the 29 entries in this column related to animals or pets. These entries were: "More pets", "More pets – friendly animals everywhere", "PTSD dogs", and "Pet Therapy". None of these entries appear to relate to the remainder of the document.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely



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