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Grace Haden

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Dear Grace

Thank you for your email of 17 August 2020, requesting information relating to the Funding Agreement between Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and SPCA. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

MPI takes animal welfare seriously. The government increased funding for the SPCA's and MPI's animal welfare compliance and enforcement functions in Budget 2019 announcements.

MPI provides funding to the SPCA solely for compliance and enforcement purposes. This includes funding for animal welfare inspectors and auxiliary officers, who are appointed under the Animal Welfare Act. Their prime occupation is to investigate cruelty, abuse, neglect and abandonment in companion animals.

You asked for:

A copy of the latest contract and its schedules and, if different the contract which was current in August 2017.

The latest Funding Agreement between MPI and SPCA is dated November 2019. A copy of this document is attached.

The prior Funding Agreement, that was current in August 2017, is publicly available at the following link: <https://fyi.org.nz/request/12557-funding-provided-by-government-including-mpi-to-sPCA#incoming-48507>.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. 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. 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.

Yours sincerely

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Gary Orr
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