

12 September 2022

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Dear J Bruning,

Official Information Act Request – IP protocols and remuneration; and financial return from biotech investment

I write further to my letter to you of 3 June 2022 on your request and apologise for the delay in completing our response. We have identified a small number of reports in relation to part 2 of your request, which was:

2. Modern biotech/gene technology (which includes editing that is based and not based on Crispr) - returns on investment.

a. Please provide a list of AgResearch reports produced from 2015 onwards detailing the investment in biotechnology and the financial outcome. This includes public reports and reports directly to MBIE, MPI and Cabinet.

In addition to the reports identified in my 3 June letter, AgResearch has provided periodic reports on certain projects (within the biotechnology field) which mention the value of the funding towards those projects, either as a total contract or project value, or invoiced amount. Reports are provided to the funders concerned. The individual projects are listed below. Some of these project funding values are also available from public websites and we have noted these below for your information too. As advised in my earlier letter, we have not extended our enquiries to consider reports pertaining to privately funded projects. Note also that some of the projects specified below are co-funded from sources other than the public sources specified.

Project Name	Funder	External References
Anti-Methanogen Vaccine Programme	New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre / MPI	Some details of MPI funding at https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/farming-funds-and-programmes/global-partnerships-in-livestock-emissions-research/
Gene Edited Endophyte Programme	MBIE	https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/funding-information-and-opportunities/investment-funds/partnerships/successful-2018-proposals/
AI on Hooves	MBIE	https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/funding-information-and-opportunities/investment-funds/partnerships/successful-2018-proposals/

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		funds/endeavour-fund/success-stories/past-rounds/2017-successful-proposals/
High-value New Zealand pigs for transplantable biomaterials	MBIE	https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/funding-information-and-opportunities/investment-funds/endeavour-fund/success-stories/past-rounds/2019-endeavour-fund-successful-proposals/
Rapidly evolving climate-smart dairy cattle	MBIE	https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/funding-information-and-opportunities/investment-funds/endeavour-fund/success-stories/past-rounds/2019-endeavour-fund-successful-proposals/
Goat Biosimilar	MBIE	https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/3429-high-value-manufacturing-services-research-fund-2015-science-investment-successful-proposals-pdf
Forages with Elevated Photosynthesis and Growth / HME Ryegrass	MBIE / MPI	https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/funding-information-and-opportunities/investment-funds/endeavour-fund/success-stories/past-rounds/2016-successful-proposals/

We have also identified that we have a PowerPoint presentation given to MBIE and MPI which summarises a number of our biotechnology projects and includes some summary investment-related information.

As we have needed to make some enquiry of staff in order to identify reports within the scope of your request, please be aware that this list represents our understanding of reports within scope, but may have unintended errors or omissions.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this with us, please feel free to contact me at 03 321 8800.

Yours faithfully,



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