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Dear Jodie Bruning

Thank you for your email of 5 July 2023, requesting information on funding schemes for complex agricultural research. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

On 13 July 2023, your request was transferred to the Ministry of Primary Industry, under the provisions of section 14 of the Act, as the information requested is more closely connected with the Ministry's functions.

You requested:

1)

a). Please can you provide a list of all funding schemes outside SFF directed to science and research for agriculture targeted to exploring soil/nutrient/soil biome interactions, and productivity, disease and stock/plant health from 2023/2024 onwards.

b). Please provide all policy documents supporting these funding schemes, including terms of reference for scientists applying for research funding.

(2) Please provide a list of all funding schemes supporting provision of extension services to farmers specifically relating to soil/plant/stock nutrition and health, including funding channels for scientists and researchers to review the latest global scientific research and feedback this information into agricultural communities.

(3) In response to increasing weed resistance to herbicidal formulations, please provide a list of all funding schemes which have capacity to promote R&D across New Zealand agriculture relating to robotic and chemical free weed management.

(4) Consideration of drought management through soil management, or protection of topsoil in rainfall events through mixed agricultural methods appear to be outside the scope of CERF. Please confirm where there is funding for complex agriculture research following extreme weather events.

The information you have requested is publicly available on the MPI website. Therefore, this is refused pursuant to section 18(d) -- *that the information requested is publicly available*:
The links to the funding streams can be found here:

- <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/>
- <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/agriculture/>
- <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/farming-funds-and-programmes/slmacc/slmacc-research-reports/>

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Penno
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