



# Office of Hon Nathan Guy

MP for Otaki

Minister for Primary Industries

Minister for Racing

MinOIA16-0076

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Gary Stephenson  
Care of FYI website

Dear Gary Stephenson

## **TRANSFER OF YOUR REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION**

I refer to your official information requests made on 30 November and 1 December 2016 requesting the following:

### **MinOIA16-0076**

- *Can the Minister for Primary Industries give the same reassurance, publically, as John Key did for cats that pet rabbits will be as safe as a house under the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) efforts to eradicate feral rabbits?*

### **MinOIA16-0077**

- *How will Biosecurity find and stop the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) from entering New Zealand?*

### **MinOIA16-0078**


- *Why does MPI not fund/foster/promote the research into a vaccine to protect against the actions in the management of wild rabbits given that they fund research into the virus?*
- *Why does the check and balance not include funding into a vaccine for the virus it itself funds as per OIE directives?*
- *Why are Landcare (funded by MPI) not publicly updating their information on the vaccines ineffectiveness?*

**MinOIA16-0079**

- *Why has not the Animal Welfare branch of MPI raised concern to the Minister or the Minister raised concern regarding the questions being raised around the efficacy of the cypap vaccine against RHDV1a-K5 and funded research into proper vaccines to protect pet rabbits?*

This letter is to advise you that I am transferring your requests to MPI under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982. Your requests are being transferred because the information you are seeking is of an operational nature, and therefore, I believe, is more closely connected with the functions of MPI.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Guy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Hon Nathan Guy  
**Minister for Primary Industries**