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Dear Claire

Thank you for your emails on 19 July and 28 August 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*"Please could you provide us with the AgResearch's annual progress reports related to the work with the genetically modified HME ryegrass funded by MBIE's Contestable Research Fund and the Vision Mātauranga policy for the years ending 30 June 2021, 30 June 2022 and 30 June 2023."*

Based on your request, we can provide the following to you:

- All annual reports submitted by the contract holder for the MBIE Research Programme under the Contestable Research Fund (*Forages with Elevated Photosynthesis and Growth*)
- The weblink to the Vision Mātauranga policy (Vision Mātauranga: Unlocking the Innovation Potential of Māori Knowledge, Resources and People) published in 2007 by the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology, which is currently the guiding policy for MBIE  
<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/assets/9916d28d7b/vision-matauranga-booklet.pdf>

Please note, some information in these documents will be withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

I trust you find the information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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