



24 March 2025

Ref: DOIA-REQ-0010090-Claire Bleakley

Claire Bleakley
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Tēnā koe Claire,

Thank you for your email of 24 February 2025 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Please could you advise us –

- 1. When will the Regulation Standards for the Gene Technology Bill be drafted and available for public comment?*
- 2. Will there be any other sectors, e.g. community, farmer, NGO involved in the drafting regulations standards?*
- 3. Will the persons giving advice to the drafting committee be the same people on the Technical Advisory Group?*
- 4. Who are the Technical, Industry, NGO, community, consumer, farmer and Māori group advisors who are involved with the drafting of the Regulations on the Gene Technology bill?*

Please see below the response to your request:

- 1. When will the Regulation Standards for the Gene Technology Bill be drafted and available for public comment?*

Secondary legislation for the regulation of gene technology will be developed in 2025. The timing of consultation on these has not confirmed.

- 2. Will there be any other sectors, e.g. community, farmer, NGO involved in the drafting regulations standards?*

Secondary legislation development is at an early stage and any potential role of sectors in the development of these has not yet been confirmed.

- 3. Will the persons giving advice to the drafting committee be the same people on the Technical Advisory Group?*

4. Who are the Technical, Industry, NGO, community, consumer, farmer and Māori group advisors who are involved with the drafting of the Regulations on the Gene Technology bill?

In response to questions #3 and #4, the Technical Advisory Group is involved in the development of secondary legislation, its membership is set out on the MBIE website at www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/agencies-policies-and-budget-initiatives/gene-technology-regulation .

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'de Jong', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. A diagonal line is drawn across the signature from the bottom left towards the center.

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