

# Official Information Act Request

## Requester's details

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Tēnā koe e Claire

I refer to your request received on 26 August 2022 for:

- “1. The Annual Reports to the Environmental Protection Authority for activities and s: 67A amendments under ERMA200223 AgResearch Ltd for the 12 months ending 30 June 2022 including the MPI external audit reports.
2. The Annual Reports to the Environmental Protection Authority for activities and s: 67A amendments under ERMA200479 Scion for the months from 1 June 2020 ending 30 June 2022 including the MPI external audit reports.”

I can verify that there have been no amendments under section 67A of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 to either ERMA200223 or ERMA200479 in the past year.

Regarding the annual reports to the EPA relating to AgResearch Ltd, as you are aware, these are published on our website after they have been received:

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/resources-and-publications/monitoring-and-reporting/?tag=70>. The reports you have requested have been received by the EPA. We are assessing them for completeness, and they will soon be published on the web page at the link above.

Therefore, that part of your request is declined under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), because the information requested will soon be publicly available.

However, we have transferred the part of your request seeking Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) external audit reports relating to ERMA200479 for Scion, as we do not hold this information, but MPI does. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request.

You will hear further from MPI regarding that part of your request. MPI may be contacted in relation to OIA requests at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz)

Nāku noa nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison K Welch".

Alison Welch  
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