

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

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Tēnā koe Jon

I refer to your request received on 28 March 2025:

GE Free NZ in Food and Environment is requesting, under the OIA, the documents relating to the EPA approvals on the 2024 livestock feeding trials that are being conducted by AgResearch as reported in July 2024.

We request -

1. The EPA approval code for the trial AgResearch GE HME rye grass lamb feeding trials?
2. How many animals are involved in the trial?
3. The duration of the trials?
4. Are they contained in a secure facility?
5. Will it be approved as a field trial?
6. When will the required Annual Reports of the trial be available for public view?
7. Please may we have all approval codes, decisions and controls made for all livestock feeding trials conducted on all GE approvals in the last 10 years?
8. For all these may we have the results as required in the Annual reports to the EPA?

As we advised in our email on 29 April, we transferred questions 2-6 to AgResearch under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) because the information you are seeking is more closely connected with its functions.

1.The EPA approval code for the trial AgResearch GE HME rye grass lamb feeding trials?

The EPA has not approved any ryegrass lamb feeding trials. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

7. Please may we have all approval codes, decisions and controls made for all livestock feeding trials conducted on all GE approvals in the last 10 years?

The EPA has never approved any livestock feeding trials. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

8. For all these may we have the results as required in the Annual reports to the EPA?

As the EPA has never approved any livestock feeding trials, the EPA holds no annual reports, nor any results of any trial. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz

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Nāku noa nā



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