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President

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Dear Claire,

**Official Information Act Request (PFR Ref. OIA.25.007)**

We write to respond to your request for information on 14 October 2025. Your request was for the following:

1. *Please provide the annual monetary costs for projects employing regulated Gene bio technologies you have received from New Zealand funding bodies from 2010-2025 namely -*
  - *The Endeavour fund, Dairy NZ, PGG Wrightsons and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, New Zealand Agricultural and Pastoral Green House Gasses Research, Grasslanz Technology limited, CRV Ambreed NZ Ltd, Livestock Improvement Corp: and all other funders both private and public for the genetically modified (transgenic) experiments conducted by AgResearch, ERMA 200223, HME Rye grass for development and field trials, Non-heading ryegrass, Condensed tannins in white clover and other GM Forages and High-value New Zealand pigs for transplantable biomaterials*
2. *Please may I have the comprehensive breakdowns of costs (e.g., by year, by expenditure category) costs from 2010-2025 that includes*
  - *Monies granted for the associated direct and indirect expenses associated with running the New Zealand and overseas field trials,*
  - *facility operations, compliance, veterinary animal husbandry, and any other financial outlays reported under GM outdoor experimental work.*
3. *If some information is held in reports or tables, please provide copies of such documents or indicate where they can be accessed.*

We have identified from our accounting records the totals of project costs funded by New Zealand entities in relation to the plant and animal biotechnology work conducted by AgResearch. The appendix attached includes the summaries of costs for both areas in separate tables, by year from 2010 onwards, against key expenditure categories. Please note that the table for animal work also includes the annual operational costs for the animal containment facility at Ruakura.

These figures represent our best efforts to compile the information you have requested. There may be errors and omissions owing to the passage of time, including changes in the way transactions have been coded over the period in question.

You have the right to seek a review by the Ombudsman in relation to you request and our response. 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,

**Nick Barraclough**  
**Chief Legal Counsel**

## ANIMAL PROJECT COSTS

Year	External Service Providers	Personnel	Other Costs	Facility Operations	Supplies & Consumables	Compliance Costs	Animal Health	Grand Total
2010	22,941	987,718	50,770	242,082	120,979	13,789	128,783	1,567,063
2011	18,303	1,553,877	36,553	199,957	176,168	14,888	160,291	2,160,038
2012	84,364	1,701,729	70,232	194,605	309,600	14,644	139,502	2,514,676
2013	-641	1,305,032	61,728	186,827	141,400	11,493	96,423	1,802,263
2014	28,833	1,303,311	46,781	171,064	158,833	12,079	92,999	1,813,899
2015	24,011	1,198,090	40,873	201,761	105,766	15,472	34,695	1,620,668
2016	312,303	932,191	49,085	155,582	189,110	9,205	63,959	1,711,434
2017	243,729	1,034,940	45,086	164,873	122,399	12,383	58,768	1,682,179
2018	290,568	992,708	39,024	219,254	163,766	14,843	53,292	1,773,455
2019	17,941	677,929	13,479	161,601	60,361	13,005	94,028	1,038,344
2020	110,784	653,015	9,191	134,511	89,537	8,557	50,317	1,055,913
2021	139,872	1,016,652	15,351	174,753	122,286	6,793	78,053	1,553,760
2022	64,131	1,051,718	41,209	102,175	88,033	10,682	103,787	1,461,734
2023	86,200	906,775	4,671	66,047	72,042	10,748	47,717	1,194,200
2024	147,318	842,376	4,211	46,542	94,862	14,109	35,434	1,184,853
2025	129,129	350,251	7,171	48,462	69,911	3,863	6,507	615,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,719,786</b>	<b>16,508,313</b>	<b>535,415</b>	<b>2,470,096</b>	<b>2,085,054</b>	<b>186,555</b>	<b>1,244,555</b>	<b>24,749,773</b>

## PLANT PROJECT COSTS

Year	External Service Providers	Personnel	Other Costs	Facility Operations	Supplies & Consumables	Compliance Costs	Animal Health	Grand Total
2010	11,028	499,106	12,926	39,891	64,769			627,720
2011	26,355	429,837	7,521	1,174	61,759			526,646
2012	38,649	608,383	13,323	2,247	80,105			742,707
2013	46,693	783,698	25,575	2,169	139,220			997,355
2014	11,498	907,394	13,020	5,240	124,302	22		1,061,476
2015	8,846	915,016	31,279	10,846	77,181	714		1,043,883
2016	14,307	1,027,622	27,332	4,548	139,703	26		1,213,537
2017	310,421	1,388,888	70,476	22,964	90,339	486		1,883,574
2018	478,962	1,448,245	120,900	20,480	278,060	653		2,347,298
2019	518,032	1,535,760	154,998	56,669	360,851	4,718	125	2,631,152
2020	512,108	1,551,145	21,979	41,935	199,042	1,559	463	2,328,231
2021	706,249	1,343,408	20,569	41,088	272,901	4,628	3,878	2,392,721
2022	403,236	1,441,706	18,680	29,929	243,481	729		2,137,761
2023	172,543	1,129,136	10,310	4,283	100,285	647	4,430	1,421,635
2024	27,878	870,081	8,318	-1,935	118,856	272	35,616	1,059,085
2025	5,495	241,901	2,101		64,188			313,686
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,292,298</b>	<b>16,121,327</b>	<b>559,308</b>	<b>281,526</b>	<b>2,415,041</b>	<b>14,454</b>	<b>44,511</b>	<b>22,728,466</b>