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Dear Jo,

I am responding to your letter of 12 February 2021; in particular questions (o) and (q) mentioned in our original correspondence (dated 3 August 2020).

Thank you for your response. We were referring to the 2018 report as that was the latest annual report on the EPA website at that time. Given your confusion, I have taken this opportunity to ask more specific questions.

Our OIA request "O" stated:

*"O": We note that the latest audit report mentions collaborators. Can you advise if they have a benefit in this experiment and if yes, whether this benefit dilutes the so called benefit to New Zealand identified by the applicant. Our understanding is that at the time of the application there were no other entities that had a shareholding or reagreed benefit from the experiment. Please can you provide an update as this would dilute the benefits to New Zealand, as assessed under the legislation.*

More specific questions are as follows:

**2011 Annual Report to EPA for Activities under ERMA 200223 AgResearch Limited**

O (a): Please explain who are the collaborators that AgResearch sent "Milk [cattle] ... for purification and functional testing of hMBP" to in 2011 (see page 5 of the *2011 Annual Report to EPA for Activities under ERMA 200223 AgResearch Limited*)?

O (b): Was there any promise of a shareholding or monetary benefit from this collaboration (pre-experiment)?

O (c): Since 2011, has there been any benefit to the collaborator from this experiment taking place (post-experiment)?

O (d): Were the results of this research made public?

O (e): What were the results of the functional tests and how did they benefit New Zealand?

**2018 Annual Report to EPA for Activities under ERMA 200223 AgResearch Limited**

O (f): Please explain who are the collaborators that AgResearch sent "Semen [goat] ... to export standard for United States collaborators use", to in 2018 (see page 3 of the *2018 Annual Report to EPA for Activities*

*under ERMA 200223 AgResearch Limited?*

O (g): Was there any promise of a shareholding or monetary benefit from this collaboration (pre-experiment)?

O (h): Since 2018, has there been any benefit to the collaborator from this experiment taking place (post-experiment)?

O (i): What "use" did the collaborators have for the semen? And how was it used?

O (j): Were results of this research made public?

O (k): How did this collaboration benefit New Zealand?

### **2019 Annual Report to EPA for Activities under ERMA 200223 AgResearch Limited**

O (l): Please can you forward a copy of the *2019 Annual Report to EPA for Activities under ERMA 200223 AgResearch Limited*? Note: If there is any mention of collaboration in the 2019 report, please answer in more detail (as per the other annual reports questions on this email).

### **2020 Annual Report to EPA for Activities under ERMA 200223 AgResearch Limited**

O (m): Please explain what are the "Milk [cattle] ... analysed as part of international collaborations", to in 2020 (see page 4 of the *2020 Annual Report to EPA for Activities under ERMA 200223 AgResearch Limited*)?

O (n): Was there any promise of a shareholding or monetary benefit from this collaboration (pre-experiment)?

O (o): Since 2018, has there been any benefit to the collaborator from this experiment taking place (post-experiment)?

O (p): Why did the collaborators conduct the analysis of the milk? What was it used for?

O (q): What were the results of this analysis?

O (r): Were results of this research made public?

O (s): How did this collaboration benefit New Zealand?

### **Other Collaborators?**

O (t): Has AgResearch entered into collaboration with any other national or international party (not mentioned in the annual reports above) in regard to ERMA 200223? If yes, please explain in detail (ideally using the same level of detail that is set out in the questions above).

### Our OIA request "Q" stated:

*"Q." Has the EPA identified costs in terms of the accumulated costs to AgResearch to implement the experiments since 2010? If not, can you ask AgResearch to provide detailed costs?*

For the purposes of understanding more about these costs, we have changed this question to focus on 'direct costs'. This is relevant as the legislation refers to need for an assessments to include costs. FYI: A view on whether AgResearch considers these costs 'insignificant' over the time frame is not very helpful [your comment on page 2].

Q (a): What is the accumulated 'direct costs' to date (from 2010 to 2021) of AgResearch implementing ERMA 200223? As an accountant, I suggest your financial team are likely to have direct costs to the experiments or at least to the project more generally.

Q (b): Can you list the direct costs every year since 2010?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for responding in advance.

Best wishes, Wendy

PS: You might also be interested to know that we now upload all our OIA's and responses on our website, see [here](#). Please note we follow government policy and redact any personal names or email addresses other than the CEO. However, please do come back to me if there are any issues.

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Hello Wendy

Please see our response to you request dated 8 January 2020.

Regards

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Hello Wendy

Further to our telephone conversation last Friday (29 January 2021), this email is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated **8 January 2020** concerning clarification of points "O" and "Q" of a letter dated 3 August 2020 from the Environmental Protection Authority to yourself.

I will endeavour to have reply to you by **Monday, 15 February 2021**.

Regards

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