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Kia ora Wendy

Official Information Act request: Extension of timeframe

Thank you for your OIA request on 28 July for a range of information on our work in relation to the approved application ERMA200223. Your request covers:

- Costs per annum for outdoor transgenic experiments since 1999
- Collaboration per annum for all outdoor transgenic experiments since 1999
- Board discussions on risks and benefits for all outdoor transgenic experiments since 1999
- Queries about AgResearch's ERMA reporting
- Queries about COVID-19 and transgenic programmes.

As you are aware, the OIA requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet this timeframe and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision. The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made by 25 August.

Because of the consultations required to make a decision on your request, AgResearch is extending the timeframe to Friday 11 September 2020.

Please note 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.

Yours sincerely



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