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Dear T. Benseman

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 23 September 2019 relating to *“what tests have been done in 2018 toxins/herbicides/pesticides in petfood or carcasses being prepared for petfood.”*

In 2018 New Zealand Food Safety has not undertaken targeted testing for agricultural compound residues and contaminants in petfood. This is due to the fact that individual petfood manufacturers complete testing to meet regulatory requirements under the [Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997](#) and [Animal Products Act 1999](#).

The National Chemical Residue Programme (NCRP) monitors agricultural compound residues and contaminants in animal material and animal products from live and slaughtered animals. The NCRP verifies good agricultural practices are followed on farm and provides confidence foods and feeds of animal origin produced in New Zealand are safe and fit for purpose.

The NCRP annual report including results for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 is available on the MPI website at: [www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/32806/send](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/32806/send).

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision.

Yours sincerely

  
Allan Kinsella  
Director Assurance