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Dear R Y Ong

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 16 March 2020 requesting information relating to copies of meeting minutes held by the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

“Could I please get all NAWAC minutes that are not currently publicly available on the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) website?”

On 23 March 2020, you clarified that you are interested in *“all unpublished minutes dating back to 2015”*.

You further clarified that you are interested in *“any NAWAC meeting minutes that refer to the codes of welfare for meat chickens, layer hens, pigs, dairy cattle; the lack of a code of welfare for fish and the development of potential code of welfare for fish”*.

Please find attached the NAWAC meeting minutes for 2015. As you have also requested meeting minutes where Codes of Welfare are discussed for meat chickens, layer hens, pigs, dairy cattle or fish, we have included minutes prior to 2015.

For your assistance, the following NAWAC meeting minutes, including the dates and page numbers, are provided to you below:

- 14 November 2012 (1)
- 13 February 2013 (12)
- 14 February 2013 (Strategy Meeting) (22)
- 15 May 2013 (29)
- 14 August 2013 (44)

Animal Welfare
Agriculture and Investment Services
Charles Fergusson Building, 34-38 Bowen Street
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- 13 November 2013 (60)
- 12 February 2014 (75)
- 14 May 2014 (89)
- 06 August 2014 (104)
- 05 November 2014 (117)
- 10 March 2015 (130)
- 11 March 2015 (137)
- 20 May 2015 (150)
- 05 August 2015 (165)
- 04 November 2015 (179)

Some information contained within the compiled document has been withheld pursuant to the following sections of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a) – *to protect the privacy of natural persons; and*
- Section 9(2)(h) – *to maintain legal professional privilege.*

Minutes from 2016 to present can be found at the following link:

www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/national-animal-welfare-advisory-committee/.

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

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

Yours sincerely



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