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Grace Haden
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Dear Grace Haden

Thank you for your email of 12 November 2020 requesting information relating to the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Your request was transferred to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) as the information requested is not held by the Office of the Associate Minister for Agriculture (Animal Welfare), Hon Meka Whaitiri. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

A copy of the employment contract for Kevin Plowright.

Kevin Plowright is employed by the SPCA, and MPI does not hold a copy of their employment contract. Consequently, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA.

Documents which show that his actions in bringing some 79 charges against Janine Wallace and Barbara Glover had proper oversight by a superior /supervisor and went through independent oversight and assessment before charges were laid.

The prosecution of Janine Wallace and Barbara Glover is being brought by the SPCA and this information is not held by MPI. Consequently, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Orr'.

Gary Orr
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