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Dear Grace Haden

Thank you for your FYI request of 22 March 2021 relating to the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand (AWINZ) in which you requested the following:

By way of OIA I would like to know the legal means by which the MPI can condone fraudulent applications for approved organisations and how it possibly thought that an organisation which did not exist and had no evidence of existing could possibly have responsibilities to the criteria provisions of the act.

I further request all documents in which MPI consider the consequences of contracting to a undefined name and discussions where by a decision was made not to investigate this public fraud and conceal it.

As noted previously, all information held by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) regarding AWINZ has already been released to you and MPI considers matters relating to AWINZ to be closed. Therefore, as was detailed in a previous response to you (reference OIA20-0076), your request is refused pursuant to section 18(h) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as the request is frivolous or vexatious.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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