



OIA21-0640

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Dear Grace Haden

Thank you for your FYI request of 21 May 2021 requesting information relating to policy, guidelines or instructions used by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

'please provide the policy, guidelines or instructions which MPI follow when assessing an organisation as suitable as one that they can enter into a contract with.

what requirements and proof of existence are required by you for an organisation to be deemed to exist

please provide a copy of the fraud policy which existed in MPI in 1999 and the fraud policy which exists now'


In response to the first part of your question, please find attached as Appendix One, MPI's Procurement Policy 2020. Some information within this document has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, *to protect the privacy of natural persons*. 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.

I understand that the second part of your request relates to previous OIA responses (OIA18-0827, OIA18-0860 and OIA21-0344) regarding AWINZ. As mentioned to you as part of these responses, all relevant information on this topic 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.

I understand that you have already been provided with the former Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's (MAF) 1999 Fraud Policy as you mentioned in a previous request (OIA15-127). Furthermore, MPI more recently provided you with a copy of the current *'MPI Organisational Fraud, Theft and Corruption Policy, April 2018'* as part of OIA20-0175 which you received 4 May 2020.

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 read 'Michelle Morehu', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michelle Morehu
Director Government Services