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J Bruning

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Dear J Bruning

**Official information request: CIBR funding**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 ("Act") received on 31 May 2021 as follows:

*"Please can ESR provide information regarding:*

*1. Annual funding provided to ESR to fund the Centre for Integrated Biowaste Research (CIBR) for the years 2017-2021 (recognising CIBR is virtual and that monies may be distributed between allied institutes).*

*2. CIBR budgets/annual reporting including details (as an itemized list of projects, including budget for each project) of all research and/or monitoring projects.*

*3. Information held with ESR or CIBR regarding: (a) Reports relating to regional emissions monitoring of trace elements/legacy chemicals/contaminants of emerging concern in biosolids released to land, or in influent wastewater (b) Analytical reports relating to the toxicity and environmental and human health risk of trace elements/legacy chemicals/contaminants of emerging concern and their metabolites in post-treatment (influent) waste-water and biosolids/biowaste/sewage sludge released to the environment. (c) Reports concerning the environmental fate and/or persistence of present chemical compounds and their metabolites in post-treatment waste-water and biosolids/biowaste/sewage sludge/influent wastewater released to the environment.*

*(d) Analysis, reporting, discussion or policy advice relating to policy development, regulation and best practice treatment and extraction technologies in high income nation states.*

*4. Emails, correspondence, advice concerning the funding or withdrawal of funding of CIBR, between (a) ESR staff; - and (b) Emails, correspondence, advice between ESR staff and external Ministries or authorities concerning the funding of CIBR."*

The Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 29 June 2021, being 20 working days after the date we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to meet this time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision to **6 July 2021**.

This extension is necessary because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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