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Tēnā koe Grace Haden

Thank you for your email of 29 December 2022 requesting information relating to the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RNZSPCA) and Dogs NZ. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

- 1. If MPI have been consulted about the discussed MOU (initial email attached) and how it will impact on the status of the RNZSPCA as an approved organisation and having access to information which the kennel club would not have.*
- 2. Has the RNZSPCA consulted discussed the implications of such a MOU and is there a requirement for approved organisations to declare third party agreements with the MPI.*

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has not been consulted about the possibility of the RNZSPCA and Dogs New Zealand (referred to in your request as 'Kennel Club') developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). As noted in previous responses to you (see OIA22-0654) the SPCA is a private organisation and does not have a specific duty to disclose MOUs or agreements made with third parties to MPI.

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



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