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Dear Gary

Thank you for your three requests made under the Official Information Act, received on 15 February and 28 February 2017. You requested:

*"Can you please detail the testing that has been done in Australia to test the efficacy of the Cylap vaccine against the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Virus known as K5. This information will be known within the Rabbit co-ordination group of which the Ministry of Primary Industries is a member and also within the independent but wholly owned Crown entity Landcare Research.*

*Number of rabbits groups and number of rabbits in each group  
Numbers vaccinated and unvaccinated rabbits  
The different levels of Cylap dose used  
Number of days following vaccination at which they were challenged with the virus  
How the virus challenge was conducted.*

*Number of days monitored since challenge. How 6 monthly protocol of vaccination was developed and tested to prove efficacy. How long-term efficacy (6 to 12 month) was tested.*

*How safety of 6 month vaccination regime was tested.*

*The level at which the Cylap vaccine manufacturer was involved. How this testing meets the AVCM regulations."*

and:

*"Please supply details that would be known to Landcare Research, a crown entity under your control, about the new Rabbit Haemorrhagic Virus vaccine developed in Australia.*

*What stage of development is the Vaccine at?*

*Will it / has been fully tested to Registration standards?*

*What variants of the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Virus is it designed to protect against?*

*When will it be available in New Zealand?"*

I do not hold any information relating to your requests. I believe that such information is held by the Minister for Primary Industries. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act to transfer your requests to Hon Nathan Guy, as the Minister for Primary Industries.

The Minister for Primary Industries has 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your requests.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'T' followed by a circular flourish and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tony De Jong  
**Ministerial Advisor**