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Gary Stephenson
Care of FYI website

Dear Gary Stephenson

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 19 February 2017 relating to the rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV). You specifically asked the following:

- How many requests have been made to release RHDV1 v351 in the past 10 years?
- What has the demand been over the past 10 years on the limited supply stock of the virus held?

The following information is released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

No requests have been made to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) or its predecessor agencies to release RHDV1 v351 in the past 10 years.

Information on import approvals has already been provided to you in previous correspondence (Min16-0267 and MinOIA16-0030) from Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Primary Industries.

In regard to your second question, Environment Southland Regional Council are the holder of the approval for the stock to which you refer. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as the information requested is not held by MPI.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse parts of your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hutchison'.

David Hutchison
Acting Director Readiness and Response Services