

28 JUL 2017

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



OIA17-0405

Ryan S
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Dear Ryan S

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 2 July 2017 relating to details on fines issued by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) in regard to Biosecurity, Fishing and Animal Welfare infractions. You specifically requested:

- *Could you provide the statistics on how many fee waiver requests have been made under each category (Biosecurity, Fishing and Animal Welfare) within the past 12 months?*
- *How many fee waivers have been accepted and how many have been rejected for each category with the past 12 months?*
- *How many times people have requested a court hearing in each category within the past 12 months?*
- *How many court hearings have occurred for each category within the past 12 months?*

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

	TOTAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED	WAIVER REQUESTS	ACCEPTED	REJECTED	COURT HEARINGS REQUESTED
FISHERIES	1396	101	56	45	3
BIOSECURITY	10,909	1970	62	1908	64
ANIMAL WELFARE	14	2	1	1	0

The information provided is in relation to infringements that have taken place in the last 12 months only. Any manual infringement notices issued by MPI that have not yet been entered into our databases cannot be tracked at this time.

FISHERIES

Please note that in relation to the information in the Fisheries *Court Hearings* column, two of these hearings are still outstanding, and the other has been withdrawn.

BIOSECURITY

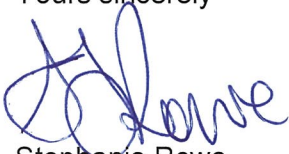
The majority of Biosecurity infringements are non-defended, so hearings take place in Chambers on a date notified by the Court. They are decided on the papers filed by MPI, which include submissions from both MPI and the defendant. MPI is usually advised of the outcome by Court staff sometime after the decision, but prosecutors sometimes have to contact the Court or the Ministry of Justice to obtain the result.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Animal Welfare infringements have only been issued by MPI since September 2016, and only for offences committed in breach of the Animal Welfare (Calves) Regulations 2016.

I trust this satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Rowe', is written over the typed name.

Stephanie Rowe
Director Compliance Services