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Sionelle Williams

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Dear Sionelle Williams

RELEASE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

I refer to your official information request of 17 March 2018 relating to advice received by Minister Hon. Damien O'Connor regarding the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus K5 strain (RHDV1a-k5) specifically:

- 1. What advice has the minister been given on plans and protocols to detect the effectiveness or failure of Cylap to protect valuable pet and farmed rabbits?*
- 2. What advice has the Minister been given on how pet rabbits will be protected should it be found that Cylap does not protect against the K5 Virus?*
- 3. What advice has the minister been given on ensuring that the conditions in the delegated release V009646 are being independently monitored and followed? Such as removal of used bait by the following morning, public notification of a release.*
- 4. What advice has the minister been given on how a new vaccine will be sought and how containment of K5 will be attained should Cylap fail to provide 90% efficacy?*
- 5. What advice has the minister received on the compensation of owners whose pets have died from the release of K5?*

I have received advice in relation to RHDV1a-k5, however, none of the advice provided falls within the scope of the information as you have requested it.

Yours sincerely

Hon. Damien O'Connor
Minister for Biosecurity