

Email to AgResearch, OIA 2021/03, Sent 4 January 2021

Attention: Jo Brady, Communications and Marketing Director

Kia ora Jo,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 11 September 2020 (I have included a copy for your records). I have a few outstanding questions that relate directly to your letter:

EPA and MPI

1. Can you advise what date the 2020 ten-year annual report was sent to the EPA?
2. Can you provide a copy of any accompanying correspondence to the EPA that related directly or indirectly to the 2020 ten-year annual report?
3. Can you advise what date the 2020 ten-year annual report was sent to the MPI?
4. If yes, can you provide a copy of any accompanying correspondence to the MPI that related directly or indirectly to the 2020 ten-year annual report?
5. Can you advise if an early copy (draft) of the 2020 ten-year annual report was sent to either the EPA or the MPI? If yes, please advise the recipient and the date and provide a copy of any correspondence between AgResearch and the party concerned (i.e. EPA or MPI)? I am particularly interested in whether the EPA or MPI provided any advice, comment or feedback on the content and timing of the 2020 ten-year annual report?
6. Can you advise if any correspondence or conversations between yourselves, the EPA or MPI mentioned the McGuinness Institute? If yes, we would appreciate a copy of any correspondence/notes.

AgResearch's governance

7. Did AgResearch's Board *request* a copy of the draft or final 2020 ten-year annual report?
  - a. What date was the 2020 ten-year annual report provided to the Board?
  - b. If yes, did the Board provide any feedback to the CEO or the author? Please explain what feedback and to whom?
  - c. If yes, did the Board sign off on the 2020 ten-year annual report before it was sent to the EPA?
8. If no, did AgResearch's Board *see* a copy of the draft or final 2020 ten-year annual report? If yes:

- a. Who instigated this?
  - b. What date was the 2020 ten-year annual report provided to the Board?
  - c. If yes, did the Board provide any feedback to the CEO or the author?  
Please explain what feedback and to whom?
  - d. Did the Board sign off on the 2020 ten-year annual report before it was sent to the EPA?
9. Did the CEO sign off on the 2020 ten-year annual report before it was sent to the EPA?
10. If neither the Board or the CEO signed off on the 2020 ten-year annual report, can you provide the title/role of the highest person in AgResearch who signed off on the report (before it was sent to the EPA)? In particular, we are keen to understand who was responsible for the quality of the content.
11. Was the report content independently reviewed? If yes, by whom?

#### Specific questions

I have attached three pages of your letter, highlighted. For the purposes of clarity, I will simply refer to the specific question.

12. My original Question 10. Can you advise the author and date and ideally supply a copy of the market assessment report/s mentioned on the commercial demand for cetuximab?
13. My original Question 12.
- A: Any news on the peer review?
- B: Can you provide a list of all the articles you refer to, with links? Note: Such a list will provide more clarity on risks, costs and benefits.
14. My original Question 18. What evidence are you relying upon to make the following statement: 'There is no increased risk created by having animals of the same species and gender together [e.g. two different types of modified cattle] in this manner in our secure animal containment facility'?

Thank you once again for your response to date. I have a number of concerns about the 2020 ten-year annual report; however, these will be dealt with in a separate OIA.

I do appreciate the time you have taken to respond to our OIA.

Thank you again.

Best wishes, Wendy

Attachments:

3 Screen Shots (self-explanatory in letter)  
20200911 Response to our OIA on 29 July 2020

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**From:** Amanda Wall <[Amanda.Wall@agresearch.co.nz](mailto:Amanda.Wall@agresearch.co.nz)>  
**Date:** 11 September 2020 at 9:29:15 AM NZST  
**To:** Wendy McGuinness <[wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org)>  
**Cc:** Media <[media@agresearch.co.nz](mailto:media@agresearch.co.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: OIA

Kia ora Wendy,

Please find attached AgResearch's response to your request.

As noted in the reply, we have been able to answer many of your questions. However, there were some that we were unable to comprehensively answer. We look forward to discussing the scope of these particular questions with you, should you wish.

Thank you again for your request, and your patience as we worked through it.

Kind regards  
Amanda

**From:** Wall, Amanda  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 July 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** [wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org)  
**Cc:** Media <[media@agresearch.co.nz](mailto:media@agresearch.co.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: OIA

Kia ora Wendy,

Thank you for your OIA request below regarding our work in relation to ERMA200223.

AgResearch has logged your request, and will respond in line with the requirements of the Act.

As you have requested a large range of information, I may be in touch over the next week or so if we have any questions or need any clarification as we develop our response.

Thanks,  
Amanda

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Communications and Marketing team

**From:** Wendy McGuinness <[wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 July 2020 3:31 pm  
**To:** Media <[media@agresearch.co.nz](mailto:media@agresearch.co.nz)>  
**Subject:** OIA

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached an OIA addressed to Dr Sue Bidrose (CEO, AgResearch).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Wendy McGuinness

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