



OIA20-0134

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Dear Grace Haden

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your FYI request of 13 February 2020 relating to the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand (AWINZ), in which you requested the following.

- *Any trust deed which you held or any evidence of incorporation which you had for AWINZ prior to May 2006*
- *Any reports, records, notes and documents where MAF communicated with to the alleged trustees at any time being Nuala Grove, Sarah Giltrap, Graeme Coutts, Wyn Hoadley and later Tom Didovich*
- *Any documentation which shows that MAF conducted an investigation into the legal existence of AWINZ the approved organisation and the file which relates to my complaint that it did not exist*

As noted on many occasions previously, all information held by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) regarding AWINZ has already been released to you and MPI considers matters relating to AWINZ to be closed. Therefore, as was detailed in our most recent response to you *OIA20-0076*, your request is refused pursuant to section 18(h) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as the request is frivolous or vexatious.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Morehu'.

Michelle Morehu
Director Government Services