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Dear Wendy Olsen

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 1 April 2020 requesting 'copies of all audits conducted in 2017 and 2018 of the NZSPCA by MPI'. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Please find attached a copy of the 2017 audit of the NZSPCA by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). The request for the 2018 audit is refused under Section 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

This is due to operational demands delaying the 2018 audit to the extent where it was deemed too close to the planned 2019 audit to complete the 2018 audit.

Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

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

Yours sincerely

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