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Tēnā koe Annelies

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 30 September 2020 in which you asked:

Does your institution maintain a breeding unit to supply animals for research, testing and teaching (RTT)?

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. Does DOC maintain a breeding unit to supply animals for research, testing and teaching (RTT)?

**Reply:**

No, we do not.

2. For the 2018, 2019 years and 2020 year to date I would like the following information for your Animal Ethics Committee (AEC): The number of applications for approval received for 2018, 2019, and 2020 year to date:

**Reply:**

- 2018: 12
- 2019: 19
- 2020: 22 as of 16 October 2020

3. For the 2018, 2019 years and 2020 year to date I would like the following information for your Animal Ethics Committee (AEC): The number of those applications approved as submitted, no changes required:

**Reply:**

- 2018: 2
- 2019: 3
- 2020: 2 as of 16 October 2020

4. For the 2018, 2019 years and 2020 year to date I would like the following information for your Animal Ethics Committee (AEC): The number of those applications approved after changes were requested by the AEC and then made:

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**Reply:**

- 2018: 9
- 2019: 14
- 2020: 18 as of 16 October 2020

5. For the 2018, 2019 years and 2020 year to date I would like the following information for your Animal Ethics Committee (AEC): The number of those applications denied:

**Reply:**

- 2018: 1
- 2019: 2
- 2020: 2 as of 16 October 2020.

6. Does your institute currently have any fistulated animals on their premises, if so, how many and what species? Please provide photos.

**Reply:**

No, DOC does not currently have, or historically have had, any fistulated animals.

7. Has anyone applied to fistulate any animals to your AEC in the past 5 years, if so, can we have copies of the approved AEC applications?

**Reply:**

No fistulated animals are in our records.

8. Are there are projects currently underway involving the fistulation of animals?

**Reply:**

No.

I hope the above answers all your questions. We take our commitment to animal ethics seriously.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā



Amber Bill  
Director Biodiversity Threats  
for Director-General

