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Dear John Luke

Thank you for your email of 24 February 2022 requesting information relating to the Agricultural and Marketing Research Development Trust. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested

“the term of reference of this board, member's current term of appointment, their pay rate and the full board meeting minutes from January 2021 to now”

The Agriculture and Marketing Research and Development Trust (AGMARDT) exists to promote and encourage New Zealand's agricultural, pastoral, horticultural and forestry industries through the administration of grants. The Trust is independent from the government and is not a Crown entity. We do not hold most of the information sought, because it is beyond the scope of work we do with the Trust.

AGMARDT is an independent not-for-profit organisation that is governed by a trust deed. You may find its trust deed useful in understanding the role and function of the organisation. The trust deed and amendments are available publicly on the Charities Register at <https://register.charities.govt.nz/CharitiesRegister/Search>

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) does not hold terms of reference for the board, therefore this is declined under section 18(g) of the OIA - *that the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation.*

Trustees are appointed by the Minister for three-year terms, with the possibility of extension. Per annum, Trustees are paid \$18,000 and the Chair receives \$23,760. The current composition of the board is as follows;

Name	Date of original appointment	Expiry date of present term
Richard Green	19 May 2015	19 May 2021 (role extended until a replacement is recruited in 2022)
Justine Gilliland	17 October 2019	29 September 2022
Nick Pyke (Chairperson)	17 October 2019	17 October 2022
Miriana Stephens	12 February 2020	12 February 2023

You have also requested for full board meeting minutes from January 2021 to present. MPI does not hold any minutes, therefore this is also declined under section 18(g) of the OIA - *that the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation.*

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alastair Cameron', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alastair Cameron
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