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Dear Tom Williams

I refer to your email of 6 August 2019 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...May I please have a copy of all documents relating to decisions surrounding the procurement of sheep for the Saudi Arabian Agribusiness Hub..."

This information is now publicly available on the Ministry's website and was collated and released in mid-2015 following a number of requests under the OIA. Here is the link:

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources/oia/oia-response-saudi-arabia-food-security-partnership-known-as-the-agrihub/>

The Ministry understands your request to relate to decisions before mid-2015. There have been subsequent developments, such as:

- The Auditor-General's 2016 inquiry into the Agrihub:
<https://www.oag.govt.nz/2016/food-security>
- The recent decision by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise to terminate the contract, which was referred to in media articles.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details redacted) may be published on the Ministry's website.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Adams
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade