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Dear Peter Russell

Thank you for your email of 16 January 2023 requesting information relating to the approval of mRNA "Vaccines" for use in animals. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

1. *Has the use of mRNA "vaccines" in animals been approved by the NZ Government? If not, what is the timeline for the approval process?*
2. *What adverse effects can occur in recipient animals as a result of treatment with mRNA "vaccines"?*
3. *What components of mRNA "vaccines", or derivatives thereof, used in animals can enter products destined for human consumption including, but not limited to, meat, dairy products and eggs?*
4. *What adverse effects can occur in humans who consume products from animals treated with mRNA "vaccines"?*

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has not received an application for registration of a mRNA vaccine under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997 (ACVM) for use on animals in New Zealand.

In relation to your query for the timeline approval process of vaccines, this is outlined in the ACVM Act here: <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1997/0087/96.0/DLM414577.html>. Section 16 outlines the process.

In relation to parts two, three and four of your request, MPI does not hold this information since there have been no mRNA vaccines registered for use in animals. As such these parts are refused pursuant to 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.*

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 cursive script, appearing to read 'Allan Kinsella'.

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