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Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



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FYI website

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 4 June 2015 regarding a breeding project in Saudi Arabia. Specifically you asked:

What is the objectives of this research, what is the costs of this research to New Zealand, does the research involve Saudi researches and if so whom, who is carrying out the research and what are their qualifications, what breeds are being tested please provide the detailed research methodology, please provide copies of applicable animal ethics approvals, please provide copies of any peer reviews (noting that it appears some review came from NZTE) and what have been the results to date. What other research was or is planned to be carried in the future.

The Ministry of Primary Industries has no involvement in the research you have asked about, and as such your request is refused pursuant to 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as the information does not exist or cannot be found. MPI understands that the objective of the Food Security Partnership's research is the performance of different cross breeds to identify sheep with the best productivity for local conditions.

You have a right under section 28(3) of the OIA to request that an Ombudsman investigate and review this decision to refuse information.

Yours sincerely

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