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Dear Steve Glassey

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 31 August 2018. I will quote and respond to your queries.

- 1. At today's animal management conference held in Wellington, a representative from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) claimed the SPCA has 4000 volunteers ready to respond to disasters. What information is held to substantiate this number of emergency response volunteers stated in particular being engaged in emergencies, out of area/hours response and meeting safety and other emergency related training requirements such as Urban Search and Rescue (USAR), flood safety, rural fire safety, working at heights, Coordinated Information Management System (CIMS) etc.*

I understand you are referring to Hayley Carr, as the representative from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) who presented at the New Zealand Institute of Animal Management Annual Conference "Animals in Emergencies" in Wellington on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

Hayley did not state that the SPCA has 4000 volunteers available to respond to disasters, but rather that the SPCA has over 4000 staff and volunteers within that organisation, some of whom could be used in all phases of emergency management.

This was part of her discussion on support agencies across New Zealand. This was also explained in another example, noting that Fonterra has an emergency response team who MPI have worked with to assist in the rural response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Chris Rodwell'.

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