

OIA21-1304



Thank you for your email of 8 December 2021 requesting whether MPI hold studies that use Mycobacterium Bovis. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You asked:

“Thank you for transferring to OSPRI as I am sure I would like to know if they hold such records. However, I am still requesting these records directly from MPI. If you do not have these records, then please state that you do not hold these records.”

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) confirms that we do not hold information relating to studies and/or reports that use Mycobacterium Bovis to prove causation of Tuberculosis. Therefore, your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the OIA – *that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.*

As advised MPI is transferring your request under section 14 of the OIA, to OSPRI who work on the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan, pursuant to the Biosecurity Act 1993. The information you are seeking is more closely connected with their functions and they are the appropriate agency to respond.

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 'Mary van Andel'.

Mary van Andel
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