

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

Date: 13 April 2022

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Organisation: Parliament

Email: [REDACTED]

Reference number: ENQ-43631-H2K4Q9

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 15 March 2022 for the following information:

- Any briefs, reports, aide memoires or memos developed by the Environmental Protection Authority relating to the Bovaer methane mitigating feed supplement (<https://www.dsm.com/anh/products-and-services/products/feed-enzymes/bovaer.html>)
- Any briefs, reports, aide memoires or memos that the Environmental Protection Authority has provided to the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Climate Change relating to the Bovaer methane mitigating feed supplement.
- Any communications the Environmental Protection Authority has had with other official bodies since 17 October 2020 relating to the Bovaer methane mitigating feed supplement.

It was confirmed on 17 March 2022 that by “other official bodies” you mean government departments.

Please find our responses to your request below. We have responded to each part of your request separately.

- Any briefs, reports, aide memoires or memos developed by the Environmental Protection Authority relating to the Bovaer methane mitigating feed supplement (<https://www.dsm.com/anh/products-and-services/products/feed-enzymes/bovaer.html>)

There is a current application for approval of this substance, however the documents developed by the Environmental Protection Authority as part of this approval process are being withheld under section 9(g)(i) of the Official Information Act (OIA) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between officers and employees in the course of their duty. Withholding this information is not outweighed by other considerations that would make it in the public interest to make it available. Some of this information will be made publicly available when the application process has been completed.

- Any briefs, reports, aide memoires or memos that the Environmental Protection Authority has provided to the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Climate Change relating to the Bovaer methane mitigating feed supplement.

Advice to the Minister about a response provided to Radio New Zealand on Bovaer methane inhibitor may be found on Page 1 of the attached PDF file

- Any communications the Environmental Protection Authority has had with other official bodies since 17 October 2020 relating to the Bovaer methane mitigating feed supplement.

The relevant communications between the EPA and other government departments may be found on Page 2 onwards of the attached PDF document. However, some information has been redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect privacy. Withholding this information is not outweighed by other considerations that would make it in the public interest to make it available.

I hope this information is helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz

We may publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Yours sincerely



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