

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

Date: 24 November 2021

Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Reference number: ENQ-42692-T0P2F6

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request received on 29 September 2021, and subsequently refined to comprise the following information:

- 1 All emails sent or received by **Dr Christopher Hill** within the last 12 months, which include either of the following words: "Bayer", "Monsanto". Please include all email attachments, regardless of filetype, and whether they be in full or draft form. Please exclude the daily media clippings emails that mention "Bayer" or "Monsanto". Please exclude emails to Dr Hill asking him to approve official correspondence responses that mention "Bayer" or "Monsanto" (other than the emails captured in Question 2).
- 2 All emails sent or received by **Dr Christopher Hill** within the last 12 months which include a representative of either the Bayer/Monsanto Australia and New Zealand communications team or the Bayer/Monsanto Australia and New Zealand regulatory affairs team. This includes but is not limited to Ailish Hanley, Fleur Wilkins, Eliza Roel, Melanie Roukoz, Eduardo Pimenta, Janet Mosbey, Anne McArthur, David Gregor, Jon Neal and Geoff Langford. If there is another representative from either of these teams who regularly emails the EPA from a communications or regulatory perspective, please include them in this request. Please include all email attachments, regardless of filetype, and whether they be in full or draft form.
- 3 All emails sent or received by **Dr Allan Freeth** within the last 12 months, which include one or more of the following words: "Bayer", "Monsanto". Please include all email attachments, regardless of filetype, and whether they be in full or draft form. Please exclude the daily media clippings emails that mention "Bayer" or "Monsanto". Please exclude emails to Dr Freeth asking him to approve official correspondence responses that mention "Bayer" or "Monsanto" (other than the emails captured in Question 4).

- 4 All emails sent or received by **Dr Allan Freeth** within the last 12 months including Bayer/Monsanto representatives in the same way as Question 2. Please include all email attachments, regardless of filetype, and whether they be in full or draft form.
- 5 All emails, submissions, documents or any other communication made to the EPA by either Bayer/Monsanto, Agcarm or Horticulture New Zealand as part of the recent “call for information” about glyphosate, as announced on April 28, 2021.

We responded to Questions 3 - 5 on 11 November 2021, but we extended our response date for the balance of the information until Thursday 25 November under section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA.

Dr Hill commenced employment with the EPA on 7 December 2020. Please find a OneDrive link in the covering email for this letter that will allow you to access and download the information we are sending you in response to Question 1 from 7 December 2020 to 14 October 2021. (This is the same link you were previously sent, and it will remain live until 31 December 2021.)

Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA, because releasing this information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice a commercial position, and some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons. I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by other considerations that would make it in the public interest to make it available.

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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