

# Official Information Act Request

## Requester's details

**Date:** 9 June 2022

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]@requests.fyi.org.nz

**Reference number:** ENQ-44016-G6B2C9

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 23 May 2022 for the following information:

“Please can you provide a list of all applications (including reference numbers) that the authority has rejected for approval under the HSNO Act sections 38-42 inclusive from Jan 1 2017- May 1 2022.

Please can you advise the cost of each application paid by the applicants”

The information you have requested is below.

There have been no applications for Genetically Modified Organisms that have been declined since 2017. For context, the EPA notes that the process of applying to have a new organism approved for entry into New Zealand can be a complex and expensive process. We work extensively with applicants to assist them in understanding the regulatory and information requirements under the HSNO Act, to ensure that all necessary information is provided by the applicant to the greatest extent possible. If it becomes apparent that the regulatory/information requirements cannot be met, applicants may withdraw the application before it comes to a decision-maker.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz)

We may publish your request and our response on our website, [www.epa.govt.nz](http://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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr Christopher Hill

**General Manager, Hazardous Substances and New Organisms**