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Via: [REDACTED]

Official information request for Dried Distiller Grains and Environmental Toxin monitoring

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your official information request dated 18 January 2021 and clarified on 2 February 2021 for information about the importation of dried distiller grains and monitoring of environmental toxin levels.

We have transferred part of your request to the Ministry for Primary Industries. Part of the information to which your request relates:

2. what monitoring for environmental toxin levels, including neonicotinoids, is carried out in this country? Please supply list of chemicals assayed.

Question 2 was clarified on 2 February as the below:

As the OIA request was concerning the importation of dried distillers grains (DDG) from USA mainly, the toxins they contain, namely glyphosate based herbicides and neonicotinoids, would be the the subjects of monitoring by government agencies that are required.

3 What levels have been found?

4. What action has been taken if the levels found are above allowable levels

is not held by us but is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry for Primary Industries. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 to transfer your request.

You will hear further from the Ministry for Primary Industries concerning that part of your request.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison K Welch".

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