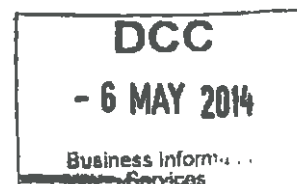




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Dear Mr McKerracher,

Request for information under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 1 April 2014 referring to the story in the Otago Daily Times on 13 March 2014 and AgResearch's proposal for Invermay.

You requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982:

- i. Proposed meeting times for the decision making process.
- ii. Any contracts, agreements or reports that you have signed or sighted for the work to progress.
- iii. Any correspondence between AgResearch, or any members of its board and yourself or your office, regarding a decision on the proposal.
- iv. A date by which a final decision on the proposal will be made.

In relation to points 1 and 4, AgResearch will be confirming plans in the next couple of months to enable the design phase to commence. However, as of 1 April 2014, no definitive date had been set. Major decisions on the shape of the redeveloped campuses remain the responsibility of the AgResearch Board.

Regarding point 2, as of 1 April 2014 no contracts, agreements or reports for work to progress had been provided to me.

Regarding point 3, as of 1 April 2014 there has been no correspondence between myself or my office with AgResearch and its Board regarding the final decision on the proposal as final decisions have yet to be made.

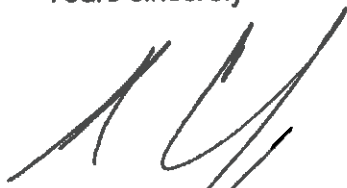
Accordingly, pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act (the requested information is not held), I will not be providing information in response to your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act.

The Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely



Steven Joyce
Minister of Science and Innovation