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Hi 9(2)(a)

As per, the CRI toolkit guidance on "Visits by MPs", I wanted to inform you of some upcoming activities involving some key stakeholders, including Ministers and MPs.

On Feb 28th Minister Woodhouse is visiting our Invermay site to familiarise himself with the site and the science that is undertaken there. This is in preparation for a meeting he will attend with our CE on 6th March. This visit will be hosted by a member of our Executive Team and involve a tour of the facilities, a meeting with a Land and Environment science team and an Animal Productivity science team to talk about the science being undertaken in their areas.

On March 6th, our CE will meet with National Party Ag Caucus Members to provide a briefing on AgResearch and the Future Footprint Programme. This was arranged following an invitation received from Eric Roy. He will then meet with Minister Woodhouse immediately after.

We are also scheduling briefings with electorate and list MPs based in Palmerston North and Christchurch on the Future Footprint Programme. The purpose is to provide information on the national importance of the programme versus regional impact. In both regions it is expected that AgResearch staff numbers will increase through the Future Footprint Programme. The dates for these are still to be confirmed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or Suzie.

Regards  
Andrew

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Hi 9(2)(a)

This is to let you know that our CE, Tom Richardson, is meeting with Electorate MP for Palmerston North, Iain Lees-Galloway, at our Grasslands Campus this week – Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb for the purpose of providing a briefing on the Future Footprint Programme.

Cheers

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**From:** Doran, Stephen  
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**Subject:** Gore meeting

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Good Morning 9(2)(a)

I sent out a small comment to the journalists who were at the meeting last night (or who had been invited to the meeting) just after 7pm last night. We wanted to stress that we had found it positive and constructive, and more importantly give a better reflection of the numbers of people there. 87 total including media, beef and lamb people and AgResearch staff, around 50 farmers by our count, not 100 as Mr Clark et al are claiming. I'm just looking through our past farmer meeting reports, as it definitely wasn't the largest farmer meeting we've had down south.

I put a short and soft line near the end regarding the motion for a review as it had already been reported on RNZ and we didn't want to sound myopic and unconstructive by paying it no regard.

The full text is below:

## Constructive AgResearch farmer meeting

AgResearch Chief Executive Dr Tom Richardson is describing today's meeting with farmers in Gore as constructive and a good opportunity to share our plans and talk with farmers from Southland and Otago.

The meeting was initiated by the Southern Texel Breeders and hosted by Beef + Lamb New Zealand.

Eighty seven people attended the meeting, of which about 50 were farmers.

"It was good to be able to speak to concerned farmers directly about our plans to deliver them better science and higher returns. It was a good wide-ranging discussion, and wasn't solely focused on our reinvestment plans for AgResearch campuses," says Dr Richardson.

"There was also discussion on government investment in science, industry support for science and how to take research forward.

"Regards our campus reinvestment plans, we understand the concerns of Southland and Otago farmers, and it was an opportunity to reinforce the fact we are not closing Invermay – in fact we'd like to increase the numbers of staff there who are dealing with on farm and regional environment issues."

AgResearch's Future Footprint plan will position the organisation for the long-term to deliver better science, more effectively, to New Zealand farmers, the pastoral sector and the New Zealand economy.

The Southern Texel Breeders passed a motion requesting an independent review of the plan, which will involve the co-location of scientists into science innovation hubs, allowing for a more effective collaborative approach to tackle national science 'big issues'.

Dr Richardson says the plan will see \$100 million reinvested to create modern facilities that are functional, adaptable and fit for modern science.

"Future Footprint will see us maximising the use of our facilities and specialist infrastructure to achieve better returns for AgResearch, our clients and the pastoral sector," says Dr Richardson.

"We remain committed to find the best solution to continue to deliver the science all New Zealand farmers rely on to stay ahead of their international counterparts."

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FYI – we received the attached letter from Dunedin mayor Dave Cull this week, and below is the text of our proposed response.

Kind regards  
Sarah

Dear Dave

Thank you for your enquiry regarding our Future Footprint reinvestment programme. It has been several months since we last met. We will be confirming our plans in the next couple of months to enable the design work to begin, however we do not have a definitive date yet. We will let our staff know first, and we will then be in contact with you and our other stakeholders.

Kind regards

Sam Robinson

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
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**To:** Sam Robinson 9(2)(a) ; Richardson, Tom  
**Cc:** McSweeney, Andrew  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Mr Sam Robinson from Mayor Dave Cull of Dunedin

Sam/Tom

Letter received from Dave Cull today attached for your attention.

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**From:** 9(2)(a) @dcc.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 March 2014 11:49 a.m.  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Letter to Mr Sam Robinson from Mayor Dave Cull of Dunedin

Hello 9(2)(a)

Please find the attached for Mr Robinson, from Mayor Cull.

I will place a hard copy of this letter in this evening's post.

Kind regards

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