



MASSEY UNIVERSITY

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Dear Stephen

I am responding on behalf of the University, to your letter of 13 May 2015, received here on 20th May 2015, in which you requested copies of the application to Massey University's Animal Ethic Committee(s) pertaining to research undertaken in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The enquiry specifically requested detailed information pertaining to Animal Usage Figures advised to the Ministry of Primary Industries.

After enquiry, I can confirm, the Massey University Animal Ethics Committee considers all individual applications in Part II of each meeting, and are not in the public domain.

Therefore all information pertaining to individual animal ethics applications is withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act;

- Section 9(2)a, which protects the privacy of natural persons;
- Section 9(2)(i) which enables an organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
- Section 9(ba)(i) which provides an exemption where release would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

You are entitled to seek a review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Any request should be in writing.

Yours sincerely

Anne Walker
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