

Immediate issues

Pending Decisions and Actions

AGRICULTURE

1. For agriculture, pending decisions and actions include:

Commodity Levies Act 1990 - Applications

2. Applications for levies under the Commodity Levies Act 1990 have been received from Summerfruit New Zealand Inc, the N.Z. Passionfruit Growers Association Inc, and Dairy InSight Inc.
3. Over the next few months, further applications for levies under the Act are expected from United Wheat Growers NZ Limited and the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Inc.

Horticulture Export Authority – New fees regulations

4. The HEA needs to be adequately funded to perform its statutory responsibilities, including licensing exporters for products prescribed under the HEA Act. The HEA has consulted exporters on new export licensing fees to be prescribed in regulations.
5. Recommendations will be provided shortly.

Dairy levy regulations

6. Work is progressing on putting in place regulations to levy Fonterra to meet the costs of the Commerce Commission for dispute resolution and enforcement in respect of dairy markets.
7. Work is progressing on putting in place regulations to levy LIC for the operating costs of the Dairy Core Database Access Panel (which decides on access to data in the core database held by LIC).

Appointments to statutory boards

8. The Minister has the right to choose appointees for the following positions:

Entity	Incumbent	Expiry of Term
Telford Farm Training Institute Board of Management	Vacant	22 September 2002
Veterinary Council of New Zealand	Gordon McIvor	30 September 2002
Pesticides Board	Helen Rowe	18 October 2002
Animal Remedies Board	Helen Rowe	18 October 2002
Animal Remedies Board	Graham Butler	18 October 2002
Animal Remedies Board	David Bayvel	18 October 2002

Entity	Incumbent	Expiry of Term
National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	David Mellor	31 October 2002
National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	Neville Gregory	31 October 2002
National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	Winifred Hoadley	31 October 2002
National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	Janet Quay	31 October 2002
National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee	Winifred Hoadley	31 October 2002
National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee	Jeanette Crosado	31 October 2002
National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee	Joanna Roberts	31 October 2002
Veterinary Council of New Zealand	John Hellström	31 December 2002

9. For the following positions, the Minister's role is to accept or reject the nominations put forward - the Minister does not have the power to appoint alternative candidates.

Entity	Incumbent	Expiry of Term
New Zealand Game Industry Board*	David Stevens	19 November 2000
New Zealand Game Industry Board	Jeffrey Pearse	7 September 2001
New Zealand Game Industry Board	Michael Pattison	7 September 2001
New Zealand Game Industry Board	Robert Bennett	19 December 2001
New Zealand Pork Industry Board	**Hester Cooper	31 July 2002
New Zealand Horticulture Export Authority	David Eder	17 October 2002
Animal Remedies Board	John O'Flaherty	18 October 2002
Animal Remedies Board	Ian Tucker	18 October 2002
Animal Remedies Board	George Boyd	18 October 2002
Animal Remedies Board	Graham Pinnell	18 October 2002
Animal Remedies Board	Raymond Austen	18 October 2002
Animal Remedies Board	Stephen Murray	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	Graham Butler	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	George Boyd	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	Meriel Watts	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	Raymond Austen	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	Antone Ivceovich	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	James Fraser	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	Graham Pinnell	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	Alwyn Coll	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	Donald Bell	18 October 2002
Pesticides Board	Brian Calcinai	18 October 2002
Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre (Wairarapa) Trust Board	Donald Adams	17 December 2002
Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre (Wairarapa) Trust Board	Roger Barton	17 December 2002
Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre (Wairarapa) Trust Board	Gavin Wall	17 December 2002
Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre (Wairarapa) Trust Board	Dougal McKenzie	31 December 2002
Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre (Wairarapa) Trust Board	Philip Palmer	31 December 2002

* Note: Game Industry Board appointments have been delayed by Board proposals for amendment to the Regulations.

** The New Zealand Pork Industry Board may decide not to recommend an appointment to replace Hester Cooper.