



## National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee

NAEAC is a statutory committee, established under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 (the Act) and supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). NAEAC's role is to advise the Minister responsible for animal welfare on welfare issues arising from the use of animals in research, testing and teaching (RTT). Its other functions include giving advice on the codes of ethical conduct that govern live animal use in RTT and providing information to the bodies that administer the codes (animal ethics committees (AECs)). NAEAC holds four quarterly general meetings each year and special meetings when required.

The meeting held on 16 August 2018 was dedicated to operational planning given the committee had held a strategic planning session mid-year to set its priorities for the next 5 years. The committee discussed the actions it could take to achieve its goals of:

1. Informed public discussion;
2. Full and frank advice, with solutions, are provided to the Minister and Director-General of MPI;
3. AECs are supported to ensure animals are used ethically; and
4. A robust, ethical RTT system.

The meeting also included a presentation from MPI about how the Secretariat was available to assist NAEAC in achieving its work programme.