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Ref: DOIA 2122-1648

David Barclay
Via FYI.org

Tēnā koe David,

Thank you for your request of 19 February 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I see on MBIE's website that the Provincial Development Unit has published plans for a Northland Shipyard & Floating Drydock Project which I understand is a project that is being managed across agencies like MBIE, the defence force and the Ministry of Transport. Under the OIA I request the following documentation and answers to the following questions:

1. Any and all communications and documentation relating to how public servants thought that this project could be paid for (would this project be funded from the PGF or from other parts of the government) and if there was ever a possibility of imposing a regional tax on ratepayers in the Northland region to raise funds for this project.

2. Any and all briefing material provided to ministers or public servants when meeting with the NZ Shipping Federation, and a list of those meeting dates and the attendees.

*3. Confirmation that the following agency nominees formed part of the project team:
a. John Judge (Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment) b. Rob Krushka (NZ Defence Force) c. Andrew Brown (NZ Defence Force) d. Ray Mudgway (Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment) e. Aaron Hape (Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment) f. Tony Frost (NZTA Waka Kotahi) g. Mark Jacobs (Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment) h. Robert Pigou (Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment) i. John Moore (Northport Limited)*

4. Confirmation of if this project team still exists and if there have been any changes to its membership.

5. A schedule of when and which public servants met with representatives of Northport Limited or Marsden Maritime Holdings.

6. A schedule of when and which ministers met with representatives of Northport Limited or Marsden Maritime Holdings.

7. Any and all papers provided to ministers for any meetings they had with Northport Limited or Marsden Maritime Holdings Limited's respective board or leadership teams?



I am writing to advise you that MBIE will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. MBIE's response will be sent to you no later than 1 April 2022.

The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

This letter is also to advise you that your request has been transferred in part to the Ministry of Transport (MoT). This is because some of the information you have requested is not held by MBIE. Section 14(b)(i) of the Act allows me to transfer any request where the information is not held, but is believed to be held by another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

Specifically, we are transferring the following questions to MoT:

5. A schedule of when and which public servants met with representatives of Northport Limited or Marsden Maritime Holdings.

6. A schedule of when and which ministers met with representatives of Northport Limited or Marsden Maritime Holdings.

7. Any and all papers provided to ministers for any meetings they had with Northport Limited or Marsden Maritime Holdings Limited's respective board or leadership teams?

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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