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**Ministry for Primary Industries**  
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Dear Graham Carter

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request on 21 May relating to "an update or the results and outcome of the investigation into alleged fishing quota anomalies by Hawke's Bay Seafoods and Nino and Joe D'Esposito. Can you please advise if charges have been or are to be laid, against Hawke's Bay Seafoods and/or Nino and Joe D'Esposito."

Under section 10 of the Official Information Act (OIA), the Ministry for Primary Industries can neither confirm nor deny the existence or non-existence of that information. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(b) of the OIA.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DB', written over a horizontal line.

Dean Baigent  
Director Compliance