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Ministry for Primary Industries  
Manatū Ahu Matua



OIA16-0295

Graham Carter  
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Dear Graham Carter

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request on 14 June 2016 requesting the following:

*Can you please advise the name of the person or persons that commissioned the Operations Achilles, Hippocamp and Overdue reports, how much did each operation cost and what budget did the funds come from?*

I can advise that Operation Achilles, Operation Hippocamp and Operation Overdue reports were not commissioned reports as such. The activity that generated these reports is considered to be business as usual and a normal part of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) work. Reports such as these are generally requested by a District Compliance Manager, an Investigations Manager, a Regional Manager or a Fisheries Manager.

The costs associated with these operations were not identified by any specific cost codes and, given that the activity is considered business as usual, there is no direct means of quantifying the costs associated with these activities without undertaking a specific analysis of those activities. On that basis, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act (OIA) in that it would require substantive collation and research to undertake a breakdown and analysis of the costs specific to those operations.

I trust this satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Rowe".

Stephanie Rowe  
Director Compliance