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Graham Carter

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Dear Graham

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 30 July 2016 to the Minister of Conservation which was later transferred to the Department of Conservation for a response. You requested the following:

- *All documentation and recommendations that have been received from the IWC on saving or protecting dolphins.*
- *All information on what has been done about these recommendations.*
- *All information on all dolphin mortality.*
- *A copy of all observer reports that contain information of dolphin catch or bycatch, alive or dead.*
- *A copy of all video footage that contains information of dolphin catch or bycatch, alive or dead.*
- *A copy of all information on dolphin deaths during the PSH Tiaki net trials.*
- *A copy of all recommendations or advice that the Ministry has given to the government on saving and protecting dolphins.*
- *All documents and statements that detail the Ministry and Government's position on the IWC recommendations to make a larger protection area and to extend this area out further than the current restricted areas.*

On 1 August 2016 the Office of the Minister of Conservation wrote to you requesting you be more specific in terms of the information you were seeking. I note you have not responded.

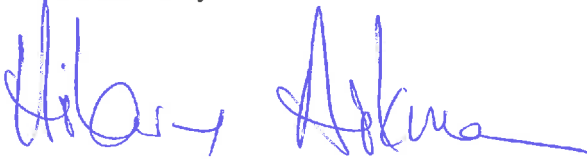
As the request in its current form requires substantial collation and research to complete I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you have requested. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

#### **National Office**

Conservation House - *Whare Kaupapa Atawhai*  
PO Box 10 420, Wellington 6143  
Telephone (04) 471 0726, Fax (04) 381 3057

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hilary Aikman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hilary Aikman  
Director Aquatic  
Science and Policy  
for Director-General