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Dear Graham Carter

### TRANSFER OF YOUR REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION

I refer to your official information request transferred from Minister Guy's office to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on 16 August as follows:

- "We request all information, copies of emails and reports on how many navy and how many air force patrols have been carried out around the Kermadecs over the last ten years.
- We request all information, copies of emails and reports on how many current patrols are done in the last 12 months.
- We request all information, copies of emails and reports on the number of foreign charter vessels that have been spotted inside and identified, reported and prosecuted in the last ten years."

This letter is to advise you that MPI is transferring the first two parts of your request to New Zealand Customs Service under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982. Your request is being transferred because the information you are seeking is, I believe, more closely connected with the functions of the New Zealand Customs Service.

Regarding information relating to the former "foreign charter vessels"—now known as "foreign-owned vessels" due to regulatory changes—we have interpreted your request to mean the geographical area of New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). There have been no unauthorised foreign vessels caught operating within the EEZ and subsequently prosecuted.

I trust this satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter McCarthy'.

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