



OIA16-0503

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Dear Graham Carter

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 29 August 2016, asking 27 different questions relating to the fisheries observer programme.

In regards to questions 1 and 2, for the fisheries observer job description, and a description of any compliance activities that observers are required to undertake, I refer you to my response to your request received 12 August 2016 (our ref OIA16-0443).

Your request (question 3) for a list of improvements to 'observer standards' is not specified with due particularity. We invite you to reconsider this part of your request.

In regard to question 4, I refer you to the response to Written Parliamentary Question 11942 (2016) on the New Zealand Parliament website. Furthermore, responses to questions 11277-11288 (2016) cover some of the information you request. Accordingly, for those questions where a response is available online, this information is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act (OIA), as the information is publicly available.

The remainder of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

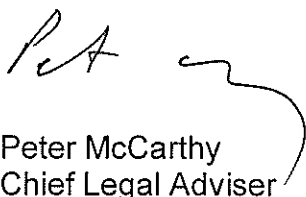
In making the decision to refuse parts of your request pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA on the grounds that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, we considered this request together with your other requests relating to fisheries management issues. We also considered whether fixing a charge would enable us to grant your request. Given the considerable amount of information requested, we have decided that charging

would not be appropriate. The diversion of resources required to meet your requests would unreasonably interfere with the operations of MPI.

Secondly, pursuant to section 18B, we considered consulting you about revising the scope of the requests. Given the substantial amount of information requested, we do not see that entering into correspondence on this issue is likely to refocus the requests down to a manageable scale.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McCarthy', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Peter McCarthy  
Chief Legal Adviser