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**Ministry for Primary Industries**  
Manatū Ahu Matua



OIA16-0599  
OIA16-0603

Graham Carter  
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Dear Graham Carter

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I refer to your official information requests on 11 October 2016 asking the following:

**OIA16-0599**

- *Have the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) undertaken to have cameras monitoring the 'offal discard system' (munchers) in the bottom of the new trawlers i.e. Santy Maria, which will be used to dispose of 'offal' to ensure that whole fish are not disposed of through this equipment?*
- *If no cameras are to be installed what steps will MPI undertake to monitor this equipment?*

**OIA16-0603**

- *With the new 'offal discharge system' installed in the bottom of the newly commissioned Moana NZ fishing vessels, what monitoring is proposed to be undertaken to ensure that the Fisheries Act is not breached through the discard of whole and edible fish through this device?*

Monitoring of fishing vessels is conducted by on-board observers, inspections by fisheries officers, and analysis of catch data.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Turner'.

Dave Turner  
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