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Mr Benchmark  
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Dear Mr Benchmark

## **TRANSFER OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 29 November 2016 to the Ministry of Defence in which you requested that the Ministry “publish information about the use and number of tugboats in [the] Navy”.

The information you have requested is more closely connected with the work of the New Zealand Defence Force. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to that organisation in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

  
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Helene Quilter  
**Secretary of Defence**