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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

Official Information Act request _ Emergency Locator Beacon Batteries

Thank you for your email request, dated 6 August 2018, in which you requested the following:

"...any documents, whether digital or in hard copy, relating to concerns about the cost of battery replacement or other maintenance for 406/121.5 MHz EPIRB/PLB in use in New Zealand."

We have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In response to your request, I can advise that Maritime NZ is unable to provide you with the information because we do not hold any documents that relate to concerns about the cost of battery replacement or maintenance for 406/121.5 EPIRB/PLB in use in New Zealand. For this reason, we are refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act.

Depending on the make and model of the EPIRB/PLB, the batteries will need to be replaced from time to time; however Maritime NZ is not aware of any concerns over the costs of replacing batteries.

If you require any other information, or would like to discuss the information you are seeking, please feel free to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision on your request, you can complain to the Ombudsman under 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman's contact details can be found at:
<http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>

Yours sincerely



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