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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2018 in which you requested the following information regarding the Ocean Patrol Vessel project under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. The Terms of Reference*
- 2. Other founding and guidance documents*
- 3. All correspondence between the Ministry of Defence and the Minister of Defence*

The Ocean Patrol Vessel project is in its early stages and therefore does not currently have a Project Brief or Terms of Reference. This project remains under consideration as part of the Defence Capability Plan Review and as a result, I am declining your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.

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**