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**Graham Carter**

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Dear Mr Carter

I refer to your request of 23 November 2018, to the Ministry of Defence, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*...all the information the Ministry of Defence has on the patrol hours, fishing boats monitored for the Kermadec Reserve marine area for the last 12 years.*

Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) for response on 28 November 2018.

Unfortunately, the information you are seeking is not available in readily retrievable records held by the NZDF. Patrols of the Kermadec Marine Reserve are usually a part of patrols of a wider area or transits through the area. Specific information on the patrol hours and fishing boats monitored for the Kermadec Marine Reserve for the last 12 years would require a manual search through raw mission data, in some cases from now obsolete systems. As a result, your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) because of the substantial research and collation required.

These patrols are in support of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) protection of our fisheries. Information relating to the assistance provided to MPI is presented in the NZDF Annual Report. Copies of these are available on the NZDF website under the 'Public Information' tab.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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