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By email

Dear Glen

**Official Information Act request: information regarding advice on Maritime Labour Convention (MLC)**

I am writing to respond to your request for:

*“...copies of all legal advice, briefings, emails, meeting minutes, agendas, recommendations and the like between all representatives of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Maritime New Zealand representatives and all government ministers (between 20th September 2020 and present date), which specifically relate to the New Zealand Governments Covid response under the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC).”*

Please find attached:

- Letter sent by Keith Manch to IMO (this is publically available)
- Letter sent by Kirstie Hewlett to the IMO, and their response
- Relevant excerpts over the specified timeframe from our Weekly Reports to the Minister’s Office
- Advice to the Minister about the adequacy of the MIQ system

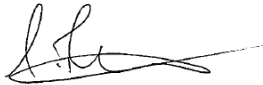
There is also further material exchanged between MNZ and IMO available [here](#).

Please note that Maritime NZ’s role does not include providing legal advice to the IMO, other Government agencies, or Ministers.

We have not included material relating to the management and resolution of specific seafarers’ complaints, with this material being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy interests of those seafarers.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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