



**MINISTRY OF BUSINESS,  
INNOVATION & EMPLOYMENT**  
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Mr Bill

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Dear Mr Bill

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Thank you for your email of 16 October 2016, transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on 2 November 2016. You have requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- a) *how many complaints to the Ministry of Primary Industries and its former guise as the Ministry of Fisheries were made between 2002 and 2016 about abuses on FCVs by workers, advocates for workers, and legal actors and others;*
- b) *how many of those companies were investigated;*
- c) *how many times did officials board vessels to investigate those alleged abuses;*
- d) *were reports written about those alleged incidents;*
- e) *how many complaints led to prosecutions or censures:*  
*and*
- f) *how many workers who complained (or who were involved in complaints by those acting or them) were deported in the months following those complaints?*

The Ministry is unable to provide a response to your request as it does not monitor complaints made to MPI, nor their responses to those complaints. As such, I am declining your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

However, the Labour Inspectorate, a business group within the Ministry, does receive complaints on these issues. Therefore, if you wish to submit a request in relation to complaints received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, please contact Stu Lumsden, Labour Inspectorate Manager Southern, by calling the Ministry on (04) 901 1499, to discuss the information you require.

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

If you would like to discuss the response to your request with us please contact [ويا@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:ويا@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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