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By email

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Dear Mr Wallis

Official Information Act request, Part B vessel registrations

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, dated 18 February 2017, for the following information:

Could you please advise the number of vessels registered under Part B, for each of the last 10 years. I appreciate that vessels are added and removed from the registry, so an average for each year would be suitable.

Please also provide the applicable costs of registration for each of those years

On 22 February 2017, Patricia Abrahams, Advisor, Ministerial Services, emailed you to seek some further clarification about your request. You replied and clarified that you were interested in the following information.

Can you provide a running total of vessels registered? Such as "number of vessels in registration at start of year, less the number of withdrawals, plus the number of new registrations". I am less interested in the exact total, but rather the trend towards greater or less registrations over time - so as long as the methodology is the same over the sample period, the results should be acceptable.

On 28 February 2017, you also explained:

I would be happy with the total number of registrations per year.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act (the Act).

Background information

The New Zealand Register of Ships is a list of all vessels registered in New Zealand under the Ships Registration Act 1992. Part B of the Register is mainly for recreational vessels voyaging overseas. Further information about the Register of Ships can be found on Maritime NZ's website at:

<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/commercial/ships/registration/>

As Ms Allen explained in her letter of 1 December 2016, Maritime NZ underwent a funding review, in 2012, which considered how Maritime NZ supports the operations and activities of the maritime community. The review gathered information to set fixed fees at a rate that reflects the time taken and the cost, including overheads and depreciation, for tasks such as a Part B registration. After consultation with the maritime sector, this review resulted in a new charging regime which passed into law with the Ship Registration (Fees) regulations 2013. The new charges took effect from 1 July 2013. We are currently reviewing all registration procedures with a view to reducing the time taken to complete a registration. This is in anticipation of ship registrations fees being reviewed again in 2018.

Decision on your request

Please find enclosed the following information relevant to your request:

- **Table 1** – the numbers of ships registered under Part B of the Register of Ships and the number of Part B registrations renewed
- **Table 2** – Fees for registration of ships under Part B of the Register of Ships, 2007 – 2016.

Prior to 12 April 2010, our Part B registration records (including initial registrations, renewals and re-registrations) are all paper based. The paper records are held at Archives NZ. Although we can provide the total number of all Part B registrations for these years, we do not have a breakdown of the figures into initial registrations, renewals and re-registrations. In order to calculate these figures, we would need to review the paper files to establish the precise nature of each of the Part B registrations. We are therefore refusing to provide the numbers of initial registrations, renewals and re-registrations for the period prior to 12 April 2010 under section 18(f) of the Act. Section 18(f) provides grounds to refuse a request if making the information available would require substantial collation or research.

Ombudsman's contact details

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

If you have any queries about the response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Emma Debreceeny
Senior Advisor, Ministerial Services

Table 1 – Part B of NZ Register of Ships, Ship Registration Numbers, 2007 - 2016

Type of Registration	2007	2008	2009	From 01/01/2010 until 30/04/2010	From 01/05/2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Initial Registration and Re-registration (within 6 months after expiry of a registration)					95	141	184	150	170	155	153
Renewal of Registration (within 6 months before the expiry of a registration)					14	31	52	61	49	51	34
Total Initial Registrations, Re-registrations and Renewals	171	183	173	68	109	172	236	211	219	206	187
	We are refusing to provide this information under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.										

Table 2 – Part B of NZ Register of Ships, Ship Registration fees, 2007 - 2016

Type of Registration	2007	From 1 November 2008	From 1 November 2009	From 1 October 2010	From 1 July 2013	From 1 July 2014	From 1 July 2015	From 1 July 2016
Initial Registration	\$349	\$356	\$426	\$435.47	\$720	\$830	\$920	\$1,005
Renewal of Registration (within 6 months before the expiry of a registration)	\$169	\$285	\$342	\$349.60	\$576	\$664	\$736	\$804
Re-registration (within 6 months after the expiry of a registration)	\$349	\$338	\$405	\$414.00	\$720	\$830	\$920	\$1,005