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Graham Carter

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Dear Mr Carter

Thank you for your email dated 8 August 2017 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Subject: Official Information request - FCV's investigated by MBIE. We request the following information:

- 1. A list of all FCVs fishing in NZ waters in 2014, 2015, and 2016.*
- 2. How many of those have or are being investigated by the (MBIE) Labour Inspectorate, since 2015.*
- 3. Names of vessels investigated.*
- 4. How many were involved in the payment of the \$800,000 in back paid wages mentioned by MBIE (DoL's) Stu Lumsden on Radio NZ.*
- 5. The total amount of back wages paid by each vessel.*
- 6. Number of Japan Tuna Co vessels fishing in NZ waters in 2015/2016.*
- 7. How many days they spent fishing each year.*
- 8. Whether the MBIE (Labour Inspectorate) was investigating wages of other Japan Tuna Co vessels. If not why not?*
- 9. Whether any investigation and or action has been taken against any other Japan Tuna Co vessels, and if what happened. We know one did a runner and MBIE couldn't find anyone to serve the papers on.*

Please note that the Ministry is responding to parts two, three, four, five, eight and nine of your request. As advised in our letter to you dated 15 August 2017, parts one, six and seven of your request were transferred to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to respond to you directly.

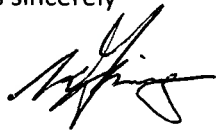
Since 2015, a total of 12 vessels have, or are, being investigated by the Labour Inspectorate. Their names and details are listed in the attached spreadsheet.

Seven vessels were found liable to pay back wages to staff, totalling over \$800,000, which have been paid. These are listed in red in the attached spreadsheet.

The Koshin Maru 7 was also found liable to pay back wages to staff, but this is subject to a Employment Relations Authority hearing.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our response to your request by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Finnegan', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Finnegan
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Labour Inspectorate