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Stephen Leask
Care of FYI website

Dear Stephen Leask

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 28 August 2017 for the following:

- *All submissions and communications to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) or the office of the Minister for Primary Industries which have been made by any individual or group, related to the Integrated Electronic Monitoring and Reporting System (IEMRS).*
- *All internal and external communications with MPI or the office of the Minister for Primary Industries which are related to privacy where IEMRS is concerned.*

MPI acknowledges our initial response provided on 4 October 2017 regarding the communications aspect of your request.

Please also note that at the time of MPI receiving your request, digital monitoring was part of the Minister for Primary Industries portfolio. However, as of 26 October 2017 the portfolio was moved to a new dedicated Minister, the Minister of Fisheries.

Submissions on draft circulars for IEMRS

The approximate 130 submissions received by MPI in relation to the draft circulars for the digital monitoring of commercial fishing will be released under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) once they have been processed. MPI intends to publish the submissions on our website soon. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA on the basis that the information will soon be made publically available.

Some information will be withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons;

- 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;
- 9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Submissions on the IEMRS component of the Future of our Fisheries consultation

MPI intends to publish the submissions received regarding the IEMRS component of the Future of our Fisheries consultation on our website. This portion of your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA on the basis that the information will soon be made publically available.

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MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available. You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely



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