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Dear 

I refer to your request dated 19 January 2021, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), seeking information relating to the Maritime Security Strategy 2020, namely:

- 1) *The most recent Annual National Maritime Security Assessment* (the Assessment)
- 2) *The most recent Annual National Maritime Security Prevention and Response Campaign Plan* (the Plan).

### **Transfer of the first part of your request**

This letter is to notify you that the Ministry is transferring the first part of your request for the Assessment to the National Assessments Bureau, part of the National Security Group within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC).

The Assessment is a document produced by the National Assessments Bureau. Accordingly, your request is being transferred pursuant to section 14 of the OIA.

### **Decline of the second part of your request**

The OIA enables people to request official information from agencies including Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport. However, the OIA only applies to information that is already held by the Ministry and there is no obligation to create information in order to respond to a request.

The information you are seeking in this case is not held by the Ministry as the Plan has not yet been produced but would need to be created in order to respond to your request.


I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA because the Ministry does not hold any official information.

I am, however, able to advise that the Plan is part of the Maritime Security Strategy Implementation Plan. The Plan, once created, will be a document owned by the Ministry in its capacity as policy function lead for the Maritime Security Sector. The delivery date for the Plan has not yet been confirmed.

Further correspondence on this request will therefore come to you from DPMC. Note that the time limit for responding will be 20 working days from when DPMC receives this transfer from us.

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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