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Dear 

I refer to your email of 5 December 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

The (winning) salvage proposal for the HMNZS Manawanui. I understand the company is Pacific Seven. I am assuming the process/costs etc are contained within that document but if they are not I would like that too.

The tender process relating to the removal of fuel and other pollutants from HMNZS Manawanui was carried out by New Zealand Defence Force's (NZDF) insurer, Shipowners' Club. A summary of the received tenders was provided to the NZDF for a decision.

The salvage company selected by the NZDF was Pacific 7 Limited. The tender proposals and the summary are withheld in full in accordance with section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA, as making this information public would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the insurer.

The process includes a risk-based approach to removing bulk fuels, oils, and contaminants. This commenced with a simple assessable fuel tank to prove the systems and approach, then progressed to tanks which represented the highest potential for discharge. The smaller more difficult to access tanks will be assessed last, with some requiring complex approaches to gain access to tapping points within the vessel. Video monitoring systems were in place to track fuel pumping progress with divers on stand-by should a hose connection or tapping point fail.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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