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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your email of 6 March 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

Any and all communications with and between any parties related to RNZ's requests from Mon March 3 on, for a Manawanui update

As of 6 March, the latest document NZDF/MOD that has the most substantive and up to date information on the status of the Manawanui fuel salvage and/or overall salvage and/or Op Resolution

Any record of concerns raised with NZDF/MOD by any entity/anyone re the salvage in terms of the time or cost

Details of the costs incl up to date actual spend so far as well as latest estimates/forecasts for the total Op Resolution; pls provide a breakdown of what has been spent so far; pls detail where this funding is being sourced from.

I deeply apologise for the lengthy delay in providing this response to you. The delay was primarily caused by the consultations that were required with a large number of both New Zealand and foreign agencies, which took much longer than anticipated. This delay was compounded by staff availability issues and a high volume of work.

Further to the email sent to you on 4 June 2025, there is one document containing information relevant to your request. As a result of the consultations undertaken, this document is withheld in full in accordance with section 6(b)(i) of the OIA as the information provided within it was provided by the Government of Samoa on basis of confidence. You may wish to contact the Chief Executive Officer of the Samoan Ministry of Transport, Works and Infrastructure, who is also the Chairperson of the Marine Pollution Advisory Committee.

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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