

27 February 2026

Official Information Act request for information on the port’s infrastructure programme

I refer to your rescoped official information request dated 29 January for the following:

1. *Any internal or external reports, assessments, briefings, or other documents including formal letters but excluding routine correspondence, from in the three months to November 19, 2025, regarding the “ports infrastructure work programme”, which contributed to the cost estimate made public on November 19.*
2. *Any internal or external reports, assessments, briefings, including formal letters but excluding routine correspondence, regarding the reuse of infrastructure at CentrePort and Port Marlborough, in the three months November 19, 2025.*

The following documents fall within the scope of Question 1 and set out our response to your request.

Documents / scope	Action
Cook Strait Ferry Replacement programme – key decisions [6 November 2025]	Declined under Section 18(d) as this will soon be available.
Annex 1 Interim Approval to Deliver [6 November 2026]	Declined under Section 18(d) as this will soon be available on www.ferryholdings.co.nz
Monthly Shareholding Ministers reports August and September 2025	Declined under Section 18(d) as this is publicly available on www.ferryholdings.co.nz
Internal reports (but excluding routine correspondence)	<p>Declined under Section 9(2)(j) because disclosure would disadvantage parties in ongoing negotiations.</p> <p>Declined under Section 9(2)(i) could potentially prejudice a free and frank exchange of opinions of officials while finalising the commercial contracts.</p>



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	Declined under Section 9(2)(j) because disclosure would disadvantage parties in ongoing negotiations
Formal letters but excluding routine correspondence, from in the three months to November 19, 2025, regarding the “ports infrastructure work programme”, which contributed to the cost estimate made public on November 19	Declined under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, as the information would require substantial collation and research, which would significantly impact our operations. The correspondence within forms part of the broader process of developing and refining advice. The relevant decisions are recorded in the formal documents <i>Cook Strait Ferry Replacement Programme – Key Decisions</i> and <i>Annex 1: Interim Approval to Deliver</i> , which will be released soon and provide an appropriate and comprehensive record of the decision-making.

In addition to the documents above, the following documents fall within the scope of Question 2 and set out our response to your request.

Documents	Action
Formal letters but excluding routine correspondence regarding the reuse of infrastructure at CentrePort and Port Marlborough.	Declined under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, as the information would require substantial collation and research, which would significantly impact our operations. The correspondence within forms part of the broader process of developing and refining advice. The relevant decisions are recorded in the formal documents <i>Cook Strait Ferry Replacement Programme – Key Decisions</i> , <i>Annex 1: Interim Approval to Deliver</i> , and <i>FHL 19 November Announcement Media Kit</i> , which will be released soon and provide an appropriate and comprehensive record of the decision-making.



Ferry Holdings is in the process of negotiating Development Agreements with the port companies. Once those commercial negotiations are concluded we will release more information about them to the public in mid-2026.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact info@ferryholdings.co.nz.

Please be advised that this OIA will be published on our website (www.ferryholdings.co.nz).

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