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Question 7

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Subject: Weekly Report Monday 27 April 2015 for your review [IN CONFIDENCE:RELEASE EXTERNAL]
Attachments: Vote Energy Weekly Agenda and Report, 27 April 2015 - Part 1.docx; Vote Energy - Weekly Agenda and Report, 27 April 2015 Part 2.docx

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Please find attached the Weekly Report, Parts One and Two, for your review, input and changes.

Regards

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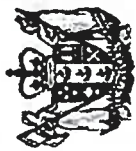
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Dear All,

Please note that there has been an update made to Part 1 of the Vote Energy – Weekly Agenda and Report.

Under “Managing the Estate”, within the item “Maui EPA Marine Consent Hearing” it stated “NZP&M is scheduled to make a submission on May 1st”. This now reads “NZP&M is scheduled to provide advice on May 1st”.

Kind Regards,

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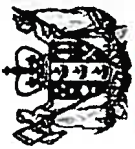
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To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Greenpeace OIAs - substantive changes between drafts of Q&A document [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Yes, I have emailed s 9(2)(a) for a Legal assessment, and will let you know when I hear back.

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From: s 9(2)(a)
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To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Greenpeace OIAs - substantive changes between drafts of Q&A document [IN-CONFIDENCE]

I also said I thought we should test this with legal and get their view.

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Subject: FW: Greenpeace OIAs - substantive changes between drafts of Q&A document [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Sorry I missed your call last night. Since I spoke to you yesterday, I have had a conversation with s 9(2)(a) about this OIA. She has escalated this issue within Comms, and the feeling is firmly that draft Comms material such as this should not be released. The rationale is that the role of Comms is to cast the net as wide as possible when it comes to

issues that might arise and require messaging, and if Comms staff feel that they have to temper what they put in drafts in response to potential political sensitivity and the possibility of release under the OIA, then they can't perform effectively.

I haven't tested this with Legal yet, but I feel that it's a sufficiently strong argument for withholding the documents in their entirety under s9(2)(g)(i). If the Minister's office feels the same way, then I will proceed on that basis.

Talk to you soon,

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From: s 9(2)(a)

Sent: Tuesday, 28 April 2015 3:50 p.m.

To: s 9(2)(a)

Subject: RE: Greenpeace OIAs - substantive changes between drafts of Q&A document [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Can we discuss? Popped round a few minutes ago but you were on the phone.

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Subject: Greenpeace OIAs - substantive changes between drafts of Q&A document [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hey s 9(2)(a)

I've gone through the drafts that s 9(2)(a) sent me. Still don't have access to the document containing JSW's handwritten comments, and I see that s 9(2)(a) is away today, which is a problem. If I can't get hold of him to access this tomorrow, then we may need to look at a few days' extension for 'consultation', otherwise we're not going to make the deadline. BTW I didn't confirm with you who should review this as 4th Tier - any thoughts?

The main changes between the drafts are:

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



I have my Te Reo class from 12.30-2, but would be free to discuss after that.

s 9(2)(a) if you have any comments at this stage, I'd love to hear them too!

Thanks

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Priority Developments

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Financial Assurance for Offshore Petroleum Activities

Comment:

We have been informed of the initial results of the oil spill modelling work by the consultants who are currently reviewing it. The outcome is generally consistent with the modelling carried out by Anadarko and Greenpeace and shows that the most significant effects are likely to be to the West Coast of the North Island as the result of an incident off Taranaki. We will continue to work with the consultants on the preparation of the final report which will bring together the modelling and the cost impact workstreams.

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Next Steps:

We will keep you informed.



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Subject: RE: Interview Questions regarding Statoil and efforts to address the iwis concerns [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Thanks for this – I'll get it to the Minister late today.

In the meantime, I'd love to take you up on your offer to talk to this student. I'll give her your DDI if that's ok

Cheers,
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From: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz
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Subject: RE: Interview Questions regarding Statoil and efforts to address the iwis concerns [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Attached is a 1 page response that should cover off most issues raised in the student's massive list of questions. Note: The attachment also contains a more thorough (and longer) response that you may want to file away for other queries.

Given this student really doesn't seem to understand the industry/regulation at all, I'm happy to give them a call to provide off the record background if that suits you guys?

Thanks,

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From: s 9(2)(a)
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To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Interview Questions regarding Statoil and efforts to address the iwis concerns

Hi s 9(2)(a)

As discussed over our phone conversation, here is a list of questions for Simon. Just so you know, the questions have been formulated from the already existing information in the media and hence some of them may seem assertive. But I am interested in doing a neutral story and would love to hear Simon's perspective on it and how the government is addressing the issue.

- When Statoil was initially given the 15 year permit for deep sea oil drilling, were you expecting such a large opposition by the people?
- What do you think triggered or fuelled the opposition and do you think they are right in protesting?
- What were the immediate measures taken in order to deal with the growing opposition?
- In spite of the opposition Statoil was granted an extra 1670sq km of area to explore. Does this imply that the govt has decided to turn a deaf ear to what the locals have to say and their concerns? Or that govt prioritizes economic growth and financial gain over public opinion and concerns?
- Greenpeace claims that the govt has not taken the necessary effort to conduct an individual research regarding the potential impacts of seismic testing and oil spill. Are you fully aware of the risks involved or Is the govt relying on claims made by Statoil? Any scientific research to support that?
- Is Statoil and the govt prepared to deal with an oil spill disaster if there was one to occur?
- What efforts has the govt taken for iwi consultation as that seems to stand out as the main problem? The iwis are not very happy with the decision. Were they made aware beforehand about the project?
- Statoil has partnered with Chevron. Are you aware about Chevron's environmental history? If yes, why is the govt still ready to take the risk? What is the dire need to do so?
- Have all sides of the project been communicated to the locals? Along with the benefits to the country's economy, the probability of an oil spill and the potential impacts? Details of the company, partnerships, history etc.
- Do you think if you had a well-planned communication plan in place in advance the opposition by the iwis would not have escalated to this level?
- NZ is marketed as 100% Pure NZ and also widely known for the diverse and beautiful flora and fauna. Welcoming more oil exploration projects and allowing foreign companies to drill the oceans is a highly contradictory move. Has the govt considered employing alternative energy solutions for clean energy which would also serve the same purpose and provide for job opportunities?
- I understand that oil is the 4th largest commodity exported by NZ which would obviously mean that the oil and petroleum industry helps boost the country's economy. But is it at the expense of the rich environment, marine life and potential impacts on climate change.
- What's next on your to do list in order to deal with this issue?
- Any message you would like to pass on to the people in order to show that the govt is making sincere efforts to deal with the issue while keeping in mind the welfare of the people and the country?
- Would you like to refer anyone else can I talk to and get further insight about the subject?

I would love to have a short phone or face to face interview with him as it would be better to understand him and follow up with questions. It should not take more than 10-15 mins. The deadline for the story is 10th June, so anytime before that would be great. Thanks a lot for your help.

Have a lovely day.

Will be awaiting your reply.

Cheers,
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Corey Burgess

From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2015 4:34 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Interview Questions regarding Statoil and efforts to address the iwis concerns

Hi – just FYI

From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2015 1:38 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Interview Questions regarding Statoil and efforts to address the iwis concerns

Here you go ... She should do some of her own blooming research so I've helpfully given her some links ☺

If you could please elaborate on how the oil industry provides more jobs in the country as in an interview with Greenpeace they claimed that working in the oil industry requires high levels of expertise and hence many of the employees are brought over from overseas and the job opportunities here are minimal.

There would of course be a mix of Kiwis and workers from overseas in the resources industry, just like any other. I suggest, if you haven't already, that you look at Venture Taranaki's recent publication *The Wealth Beneath Our Feet* (<http://www.taranaki.info/news/files/1405.pdf>) to get a sense of the difference the industry has made to that region.

Also why does the government not have a say in Statoil's partnership with Chevron? It is a risk-taking decision keeping in mind Chevron's environmental history.

Chevron was assessed by NZP&M on their proposed work programme, and technical and financial capability. NZP&M also undertake a high level assessment of the operator's capability and systems that are likely to be required to meet applicable health, safety and environmental legislation. Furthermore, the Government does not just issue a permit and "let them go". Throughout the life of the permit the operator will need to meet strict requirements of agencies including NZP&M, WorkSafe NZ, the Environmental Protection Authority, and Maritime NZ, who monitor compliance with the standards to ensure they are met. What is most important is New Zealand's rigorous regulatory system – which has been designed to minimise risk by ensuring activities are undertaken safely and responsibly – not what has happened in another jurisdiction.

Lastly if you could please, talk about the clean energy projects New Zealand has undertaken and if there are any plans to increase clean energy production and usage in the near future as it is more sustainable for the environment.

The Minister is committed to ensuring the energy sector continues to develop in a way that recognises that the world is in transition to a low-carbon future. You may be interested to look at the *New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011-2021* (www.med.govt.nz/sectors-industries/energy/strategies/), which sets out the Government's strategy for the sector. The strategy includes the target to achieve 90% renewable electricity generation by 2025. In 2014, renewable generation reached 80%, the highest level since 1996.

You also might want to talk to or look at what the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (<http://www.eeca.govt.nz/>) does in this space, and particularly the new projects the Minister announced last year (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/businesses-and-households-save-new-energy-efficiency-initiatives> and <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/launch-renewable-energy-initiative-southland>).

From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2015 12:32 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Interview Questions regarding Statoil and efforts to address the iwis concerns

SHE WON'T GO AWAY!!!!!!!

From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2015 12:11 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Interview Questions regarding Statoil and efforts to address the iwis concerns

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Thanks a lot for putting me in touch with s 9(2)(a). It was a great help talking to him and he provided me with a lot of insight for the topic. I just have a few questions for the minister that s 9(2)(a) was unable to accurately answer. I have got until tomorrow to finish the story so I would appreciate if the minister could give me a statement until tomorrow noon if possible.

- If you could please elaborate on how the oil industry provides more jobs in the country as in an interview with Greenpeace they claimed that working in the oil industry requires high levels of expertise and hence many of the employees are brought over from overseas and the job opportunities here are minimal.
- Also why does the government not have a say in Statoil's partnership with Chevron? It is a risk-taking decision keeping in mind Chevron's environmental history.
- Lastly if you could please, talk about the clean energy projects New Zealand has undertaken and if there are any plans to increase clean energy production and usage in the near future as it is more sustainable for the environment.

Thanks for all the help and I will be looking forward to hearing from you. Have a good day.

Cheers,
s 9(2)(a)

On Mon, Jun 8, 2015 at 5:17 PM, s 9(2)(a) wrote:
Hi s 9(2)(a)

Thanks a lot for your help. I will surely get in touch with s 9(2)(a) and get back to you on the basis of that.
Have a good rest of your day.

Cheers,
s 9(2)(a)

On Mon, Jun 8, 2015 at 5:10 PM, s 9(2)(a) <@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:
Hi s 9(2)(a)

Following on from our conversation, I would recommend you speak to s 9(2)(a) (copied in) who is an expert in this area. He will be able to answer all your queries below, and/or provide you with the information you need.

His details are:

s 9(2)(a)

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New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals
Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

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Once you have spoken to Britton, can I ask that you then refine your questions for the Minister, and then come back to me?

Regards,
s 9(2)(a)

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Press Secretary | Office of Hon Simon Bridges

Minister of Energy and Resources | Minister of Transport | Deputy Leader of the House
Associate Minister for Climate Change Issues | Associate Minister of Justice | Member of Parliament for Tauranga
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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2015 10:11 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Interview Questions regarding Statoil and efforts to address the iwis concerns

Hi s 9(2)(a)

As discussed over our phone conversation, here is a list of questions for Simon. Just so you know, the questions have been formulated from the already existing information in the media and hence some of them may seem assertive. But I am interested in doing a neutral story and would love to hear Simon's perspective on it and how the government is addressing the issue.

- When Statoil was initially given the 15 year permit for deep sea oil drilling, were you expecting such a large opposition by the people?
- What do you think triggered or fuelled the opposition and do you think they are right in protesting?
- What were the immediate measures taken in order to deal with the growing opposition?
- In spite of the opposition Statoil was granted an extra 1670sq km of area to explore. Does this imply that the govt has decided to turn a deaf ear to what the locals have to say and their concerns? Or that govt prioritizes economic growth and financial gain over public opinion and concerns?
- Greenpeace claims that the govt has not taken the necessary effort to conduct an individual research regarding the potential impacts of seismic testing and oil spill. Are you fully aware of the risks involved or Is the govt relying on claims made by Statoil? Any scientific research to support that?
- Is Statoil and the govt prepared to deal with an oil spill disaster if there was one to occur?
- What efforts has the govt taken for iwi consultation as that seems to stand out as the main problem? The iwis are not very happy with the decision. Were they made aware beforehand about the project?
- Statoil has partnered with Chevron. Are you aware about Chevron's environmental history? If yes, why is the govt still ready to take the risk? What is the dire need to do so?

- Have all sides of the project been communicated to the locals? Along with the benefits to the country's economy, the probability of an oil spill and the potential impacts? Details of the company, partnerships, history etc.
- Do you think if you had a well- planned communication plan in place in advance the opposition by the iwis would not have escalated to this level?
- NZ is marketed as 100% Pure NZ and also widely known for the diverse and beautiful flora and fauna. Welcoming more oil exploration projects and allowing foreign companies to drill the oceans is a highly contradictory move. Has the govt considered employing alternative energy solutions for clean energy which would also the serve the same purpose and provide for job opportunities?
- I understand that oil is the 4th largest commodity exported by NZ which would obviously mean that the oil and petroleum industry helps boost the country's economy. But is it at the expense of the rich environment, marine life and potential impacts on climate change.
- What's next on your to do list in order to deal with this issue?
- Any message you would like to pass on to the people in order to show that the govt is making sincere efforts to deal with the issue while keeping in mind the welfare of the people and the country?
- Would you like to refer anyone else can I talk to and get further insight about the subject?

I would love to have a short phone or face to face interview with him as it would be better to understand him and follow up with questions. It should not take more than 10-15 mins. The deadline for the story is 10th June, so anytime before that would be great. Thanks a lot for your help.

Have a lovely day.

Will be awaiting your reply.

Cheers,

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Cc: Bronwyn Turley; s 9(2)(a)
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Subject: Vote Energy - Weekly Agenda and Report, 15 June 2015 - Parts 1 and 2 [IN-CONFIDENCE:RELEASE EXTERNAL]
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Good morning,

Please find attached the final version of the Vote Energy – Weekly Agenda and Report, 15 June 2015 – Parts 1 and 2.

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Kind regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, 17 June 2015 3:53 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Current OIA table for this week
Attachments: Current OIA table.doc

For your reference before Monday's staff meeting

Ta,

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Private Secretary

Office of Hon Steven Joyce | Minister for Economic Development; Minister for Regulatory Reform; Minister of Science and Innovation; Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment; Minister Responsible for Novopay; Associate Minister of Finance
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Subject: Vote Energy - Weekly Agenda and Report, 22 June 2015 - Parts 1 and 2 [IN-CONFIDENCE:RELEASE EXTERNAL]
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Kind regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2015 12:56 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) IRM Official Correspondence
Cc: Alice Hume; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: ERSB1415 - 556 Nathan Argent due to MO 23 June [IN-CONFIDENCE]

No worries – I'll sort it ☺

Kind regards,
s 9(2)(a)

s 9(2)(a)

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From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2015 12:53 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) IRM Official Correspondence
Cc: Alice Hume
Subject: RE: ERSB1415 - 556 Nathan Argent due to MO 23 June [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Thanks for you call s 9(2)(a) Bag is fine as deadline is 7 July.

From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2015 12:46 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a); IRM Official Correspondence
Cc: 'Alice Hume'
Subject: RE: ERSB1415 - 556 Nathan Argent due to MO 23 June [IN-CONFIDENCE]
Importance: High

Can you pls walk it over – note that the deadline as stated in the paper is 26 May. Can you pls update the deadline. When is this due to the requester? Can you pls carefully look over docs that are being signed out. The Minister prioritises papers according to the deadlines.

From: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2015 12:43 p.m.
To: IRM Official Correspondence
Cc: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: ERSB1415 - 556 Nathan Argent due to MO 23 June [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Has this been put into the delivery for s 9(2)(a) yet?

If not, please make sure it is in the 3:15pm delivery.

Kind regards,
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From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted]@parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2015 12:41 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: IRM Official Correspondence; *OIA; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: ERSB1415 - 556 Nathan Argent due to MO 23 June [IN-CONFIDENCE]

This hasn't come yet.

From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted]@mbie.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2015 4:33 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: IRM Official Correspondence; *OIA; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: ERSB1415 - 556 Nathan Argent due to MO 23 June [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Please find attached the soft copy of the briefing and response for Nathan Argent. The hard copy will follow in the bag tomorrow.

Kind regards
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From: *OIA
Sent: Tuesday, 9 June 2015 3:36 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) IRM Official Correspondence
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Vote: Energy
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GM: Resources, Energy and Communications

Received: 9 June
Due to MO: 23 June
Due to requestor: 7 July

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From: Nathan Argent – Greenpeace
Subject:

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Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Urgent information needed [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

We are trying to find out more and will get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you

s 9(2)(a)

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Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2015 9:36 a.m.

To: James Stevenson-Wallace; Stuart Brodie; Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a)

s 9(2)(a)

Cc: s 9(2)(a)

Subject: Urgent information needed

Importance: High

Good day ,

Please see the below Tweets saying Greenpeace have boarded a 'Govt exploration vessel' in Wellington.

Can we urgently have some more information and lines about what the vessel was about to do and reactive comms lines.

Can we have something by 9:50 today.

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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2015 9:48 a.m.
To: Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a) James Stevenson-Wallace; Stuart Brodie; s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Urgent information needed [UNCLASSIFIED]

Initial feedback from NIWA is that the vessel was in dock and between voyages. Had just finished seabed sampling for Chevron, and was due to start other work. NIWA are sending us through something more official asap. The police have arrived at the vessel.

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s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz | Telephone: s 9(2)(a) Mobile: s 9(2)(a)
Level 5, 15 Stout Street, PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140

From: Josh Adams
Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2015 9:41 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) James Stevenson-Wallace; Stuart Brodie; s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Urgent information needed [UNCLASSIFIED]

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From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2015 9:36 a.m.
To: James Stevenson-Wallace; Stuart Brodie; Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Urgent information needed
Importance: High

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From: Josh Adams
Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2015 9:52 a.m.
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Cc: James Stevenson-Wallace; Stuart Brodie; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Urgent information needed [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks s 9(2)(a)

Re coordination, I'm on point in the office right now, please call me in the first instance.
Rgds,
Josh.

From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2015 9:50 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: Josh Adams; James Stevenson-Wallace; Stuart Brodie; s 9(2)(a)
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Thanks. I've also been in touch with Minister Joyce's office. They're also getting more information – will share if I get anything.

From: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2015 9:49 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a) James Stevenson-Wallace; Stuart Brodie; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Urgent information needed [UNCLASSIFIED]

Just left message with s 9(2)(a) ea to urgently call back with details.

Sent from my iPhone

On 24/11/2015, at 9:46 AM, s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Josh

I asked s 9(2)(a) and he suggested s 9(2)(a) Stuart suggested s 9(2)(a)

For more information, contact

s 9(2)(a)

Commercial Manager, Marine Business Services

s 9(2)(a)

Tel: s 9(2)(a)

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General Manager, Vessel Operation

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From: Temp2 Bridges <Temp2.Bridges@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 February 2016 10:23 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Greenpeace launches campaign against NZ's largest oil event

FYI

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1602/S00293/greenpeace-launches-campaign-against-nzs-largest-oil-event.htm>

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From: *OIA
Sent: Thursday, 18 August 2016 9:33 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: *OIA
Subject: RE: Official Information Act request [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Thank you team



From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 18 August 2016 9:28 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: *OIA
Subject: RE: Official Information Act request [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Here you go.

From: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 18 August 2016 9:23 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
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Hi s 9(2)(a)

This doesn't appear to have come across in the bag yet, and the team can't log it until we have the tracker number from you. Can you check if it's been sent, please? A scanned copy over email will be fine, if it hasn't.

Thanks

s 9(2)(a)

s 9(2)(a)
SENIOR MINISTERIAL WRITER

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HIKINA WHAKATUTUKI



From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 August 2016 11:28 a.m.

To: Jamie Kerr; s 9(2)(a) *OIA
Subject: FW: Official Information Act request

This will come in the bag tomorrow but can you please start work on it.

From: Sophie Schroder [mailto:sophie.schroder@greenpeace.org]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 August 2016 10:00 a.m.
To: S Bridges (MIN) <S.Bridges@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Official Information Act request

Dear Hon Simon Bridges, Minister of Energy and Resources,

Please provide the following information under the Official Information Act:

- Can you make available all correspondence and communications that occurred between January 2015-present, including but not limited to minutes of meetings, emails and phone calls, relating to the potential effects of solar PV on the electricity market in New Zealand.
- Can you make available any correspondence that occurred between January 2014-present, between Minister Simon Bridges, or any of his staff, and any of the following - Genesis, Meridian, Unison and the Electricity Authority, regarding A.) The future of solar PV in New Zealand, and B.) The proposed closure of Huntly.

Kind regards,

Sophie Schroder

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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 30 August 2016 5:14 p.m.
To: James Stevenson-Wallace; Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a)
s 9(2)(a) parliament.govt.nz
Cc: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Greenpeace on Ion/TGS PPP withdrawals [UNCLASSIFIED]

Everyone,

FYI (thanks s 9(2)(a):

<http://www.greenpeace.org/new-zealand/en/press/Keys-drilling-plan-in-freefall-as-NZs-biggest-offshore-oil-pro prospector-bails/>

Updated lines:

- Ion (1.7 million km² around most of NZ) and TGS (311,000 km² over Taranaki & Northland) have withdrawn their Petroleum Prospecting Permit applications. These are commercial decisions by those companies.
- Prospecting permit applications are usually speculative in that they are often submitted by multiple companies vying for the same work, or they may be for a project competing internally for funding priority. As time goes by and things change, speculative applications can become obsolete and are withdrawn.
- We are forecasting a busy summer for seismic activity. Chevron and OMV have upcoming seismic obligations in the East Coast/Pegasus Basin, OMV and ONGC Videsh have upcoming obligations in the Taranaki Basin, Searcher Seismic and Schlumberger have obligations over the entire East Coast/Great South Basin and Great South Basin respectively. Some, or all, of these surveys could take place over the 2016-17 summer. (Note: some could be pushed out to the following summer).

s 9(2)(a)

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From: s 9(2)(a)

Sent: Tuesday, 27 September 2016 9:16 a.m.

To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)

Cc: s 9(2)(a), Jamie Kerr; s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)

Subject: RE: Memo and Draft Letter re OIA Request for Greenpeace.PDF

Hi s 9(2)(a)

I rang back yesterday afternoon and this morning, but you weren't at your desk. So I thought it might be easier to cover off a few points with an email.

- consultation with MBIE – there is only one email exchange with MBIE in the bundle of documents covered by the request (doc 11: 1008114). We've already checked with MBIE about releasing that document, and they didn't see any grounds for withholding it. I didn't think there was any need to consult with MBIE over the rest of the documents, as they are predominantly Authority internal documents, or communications with participants. However, I could provide a copy of the response to MBIE when we release it to the requester (Jamie, s 9(2)(a) – please let me know if that would be useful?).
- I did not redact the names and details of Ministerial staff or Authority staff, because I did not believe there were any grounds under the OIA to do so. The Ombudsman's office has made it clear that they do not believe there are grounds for blanket withholding this type of information under section 9(2)(a) – personal information. If you could explain your reasons for wanting this information withheld under any other grounds in the OIA, I could look at it again?
- Doc 18: 1008065. Sorry, I should have removed the 'check' before I sent the documents over. It was an item I wanted to check with s 9(2)(a) before we released it. However, I am not sure now whether we did discuss that document before I sent the pack over to you. I will check with s 9(2)(a) before I finalise the response. My recommendation is that we would release anything that is not highlighted – i.e. for the 5/4/16 agenda, we would only release the details of the meeting at the top of the first page, and the 4 paragraphs on page 2 under the heading "Unison's price adjustments". For the 10 May agenda, I would recommend we release the details of the meeting at the top of the first page, and then just the paragraph at item 2, headed "Solarcity has alleged Unison has breached Part 6 of the Code". The rest of both of the agendas is outside the scope of the request.

Hope this helps,
s 9(2)(a)

From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] @parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 26 September 2016 12:14 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) [redacted]
Cc: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] Jamie Kerr; s 9(2)(a) [redacted]; s 9(2)(a) [redacted]; s 9(2)(a) [redacted]; s 9(2)(a) [redacted]
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Comment on the attached OIA

- General comment: is this something you also need to consult with MBIE?
- Can you redact names and direct contact details of Ministerial office staff (I have highlighted two examples in the pack – but can you go through the rest of the papers as well please). there are also external parties with their mobile numbers being released.
- In paper 18 (attached to 1008065) – there are bits that still have 'check' next to them and it's unclear what's being redacted vs released (can you call me to talk through?)

From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] @ea.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 22 September 2016 4:37 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) [redacted]
Subject: Memo and Draft Letter re OIA Request for Greenpeace.PDF

Hi s 9(2)(a) [redacted]

Please see attached memo and draft letter to Greenpeace re an OIA request.

The hard copies will be couriered to your office tomorrow morning but I just wanted to give you a heads up that it was coming.

The last day to respond to this OIA request is 30 September.

Thanks



s 9(2)(a)

Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive & Board

DDI: s 9(2)(a)

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From: AJ Millward
Sent: Thursday, 13 October 2016 4:40 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Greenpeace social media screenshots - Statoil and TTR [UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: IMG_0794.PNG; IMG_0795.png

Cheers
AJ

AJ Millward
POLICY MANAGER, SECTOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Energy & Resource Markets - Building, Resources & Markets Group
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Greenpeace New Zealand

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But meanwhile Trans Tasman Resources is jumping the gun and applying for permission to mine the seafloor off NZ's coast.

TAKE ACTION: <http://greenpeace.nz/Stop-Seabed-Mining-Now>



\$3.7m study to reveal deep-sea mining impacts

The potential environmental impacts of controversial de...
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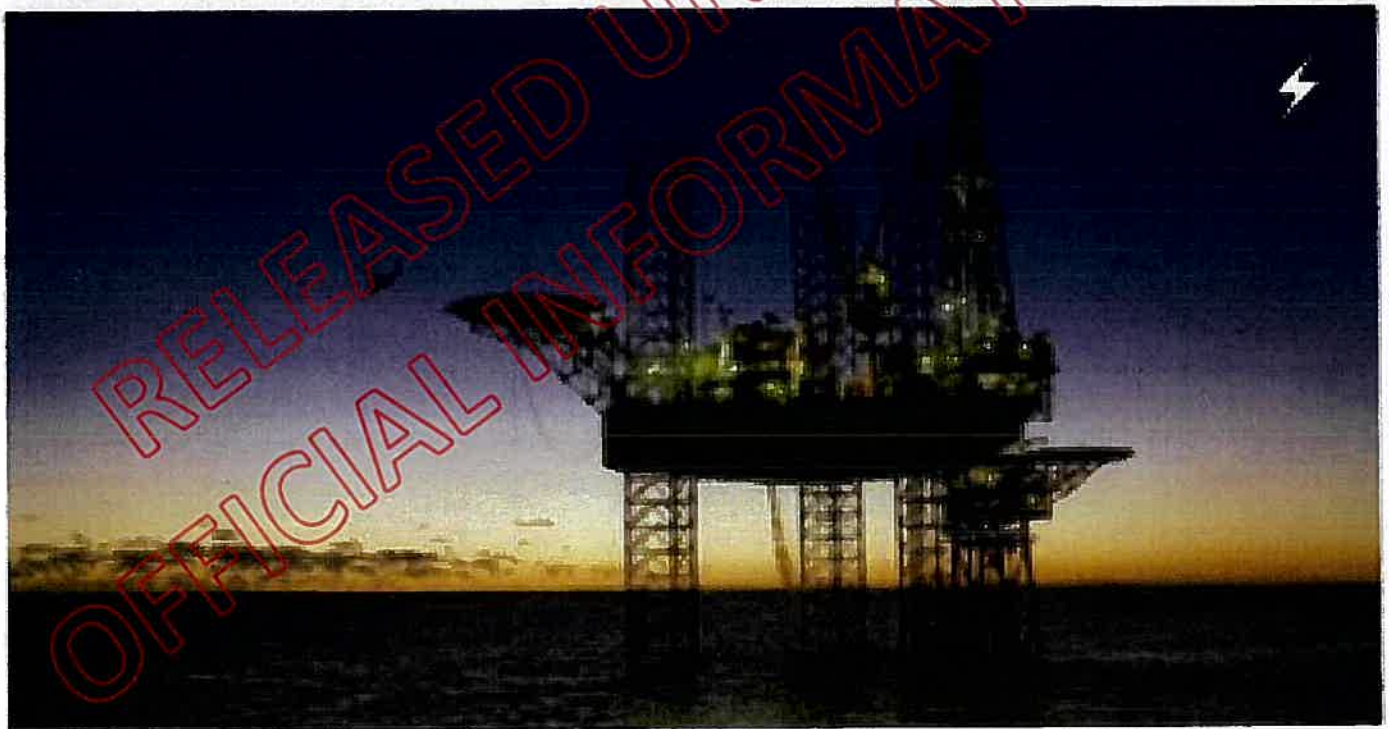


Greenpeace New Zealand

Yesterday at 3:56 PM · 🌐

This is a big win! Now let's do the same in NZ with Statoil >>><http://greenpeace.nz/StopStatoil>

Following massive public opposition and campaigns by several groups including Greenpeace Australia Pacific, BP has shelved its plans to drill in the Great Australian Bight.... See more



BP dumps plans to drill for oil in the Great Australian Bight

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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2016 10:39 a.m.
To: AJ Millward; James Stevenson-Wallace; s 9(2)(a) Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Wrap up of recent media [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi

There were a few additional items over the weekend re Statoil and exploration:

The Northern Advocate [ran a piece](#) in which Greenpeace speculated the timing of Statoil's surrender may have something to do with an upcoming Saami Parliament delegation visiting New Zealand

The Northern Advocate [ran a piece](#) with comments from Josh on Statoil's surrender of its permit – this is currently featured on the front page of the NZHerald website in the "national" section

Stuff had a [story](#) featuring Greenpeace's call for a "summer of action". The journalist is based in New Plymouth and it's unclear whether this ran in the Taranaki Daily News or was just an online story

The ODT [ran a story](#) about NZOG's change of permit conditions, as well as comment about Statoil

Climate Justice Taranaki issued [a press release](#) regarding Statoil's surrender and commented more broadly about movements in the industry

Thanks

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From: Josh Adams
Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2016 2:57 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Cc: AJ Millward
Subject: FW: Greenpeace media release [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Please have a look at this. We'll need to update the minister's office.
Rgds,
Josh.

From: s 9(2)(a) @maritimenz.govt.nz
Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2016 2:45 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) Josh Adams
Subject: Greenpeace media release

Hi s 9(2)(a) and Josh, FYI <http://www.greenpeace.org/new-zealand/en/press/Worlds-biggest-oil-survey-ship-flouts-safety-law-in-NZ-waters-during-78-earthquake/>

s 9(2)(a)

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From: Temp2 Bridges <Temp2.Bridges@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 21 November 2016 5:28 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Aide Memoire 1547 16-17 OMV meeting [IN-CONFIDENCE]
Attachments: 1547 16-17 OMV Meeting.docx

Hi s 9(2)(a) and all)

Thanks for this. See attached a tracked changes version for your records. I've printed it at this end so just note the changes/comments in the doc and below.

- Meeting bios should always be annexed (generally last) and in the format I've changed them to (usually the attendees would also be listed under purpose or just after signatures but I've left that so we don't need to reprocess the hardcopy due to changes on the signature page).
- Double-spacing after full stops
- Please make sure soft copies that come to me are final (the word doc has comments throughout).

Could I please get a PDF of aide memoires 2326 15-16 and 3418 14-15 (referred to in the paper) in case the Minister asks for them.

Cheers

s 9(2)(a)

From: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 21 November 2016 3:21 p.m.
To: Temp2 Bridges
Cc: Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Aide Memoire 1547 16-17 OMV meeting [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Please see the word doc and the pdf for the Aide Memoire 1547 16-17 OMV meeting attached.

The hardcopies come over in the 3.15pm bag.

Thanks

s 9(2)(a)

s 9(2)(a)
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AIDE MEMOIRE

OMV meeting 29 November 2016

Date:	21 November 2016	Priority:	High
Security Classification:	In Confidence	Tracker number:	1547 16-17

Information for Minister

Hon Simon Bridges

Minister of Energy and Resources

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Josh Adams	National Manager, Petroleum	04 901 1293	✓
s 9(2)(a)	Production Geologist	s 9(2)(a)	

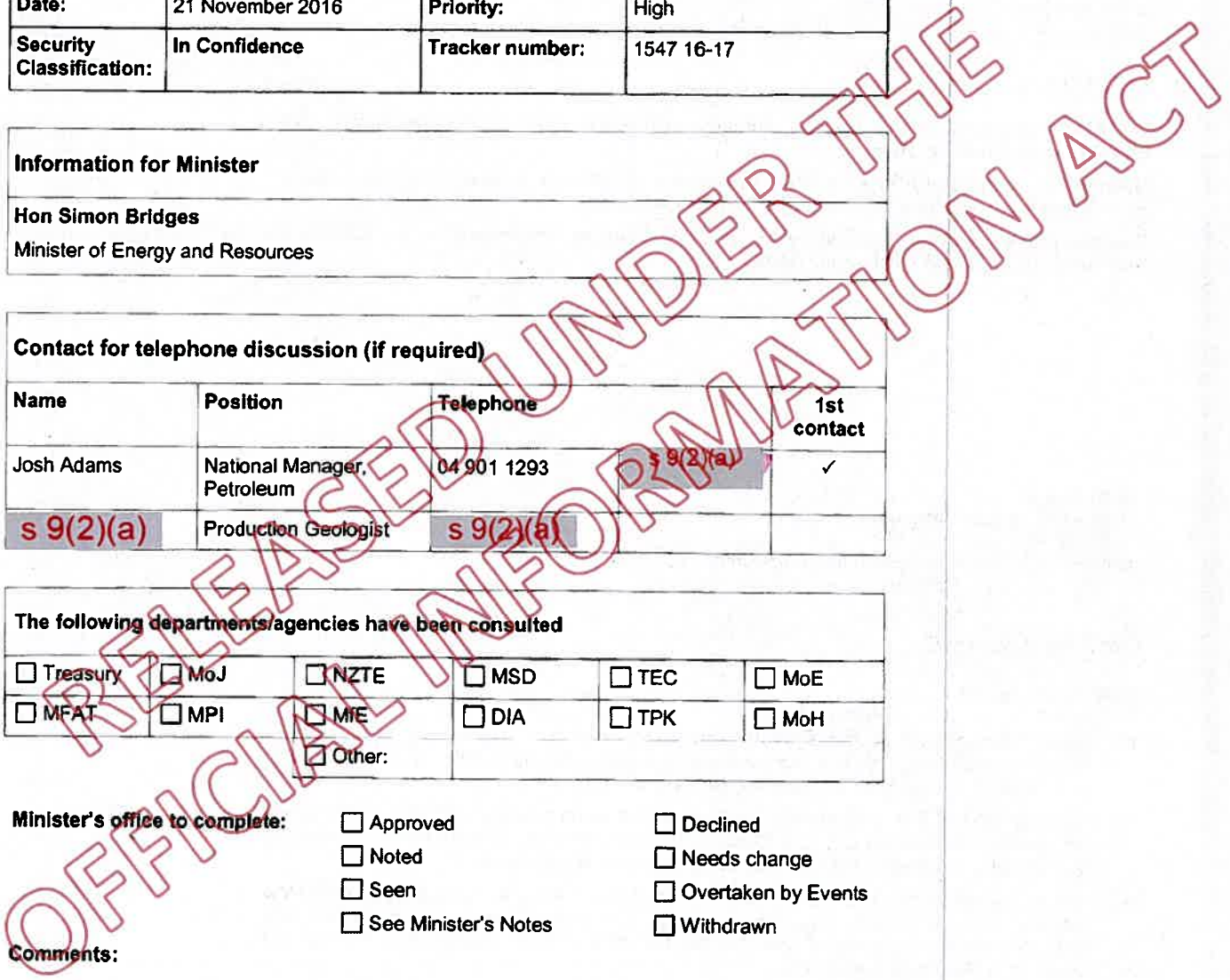
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Comments:





AIDE MEMOIRE

OMV meeting 29 November 2016

Date:	21 November 2016	Priority:	High
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Purpose

This Aide Memoire provides background information and talking points for your meeting with OMV on Tuesday 29 November 2016.

Gabriel Selischi, the Senior Vice President Australasia, would like to discuss OMV's future plans. He is interested to hear your views on key energy issues and Government priorities in 2017.

This meeting will also be attended by the National Manager Petroleum from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

Josh Adams
National Manager, Petroleum
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Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
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OMV Background

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1. OMV Aktiengesellschaft (the **OMV Group**), headquartered in Vienna, is Austria's largest listed industrial company. The company was founded in Austria in 1956. It is now active in around 30 countries worldwide including New Zealand.
2. The OMV Group first entered New Zealand in 1999 when it acquired Preussag AG, which had interests in Australia and New Zealand. This included a share in the Maari oil discovery that OMV New Zealand Limited (**OMV**) developed and now operates.
3. OMV's Australian operations are supported out of the Wellington office alongside the New Zealand exploration and production operations. It is one of the largest exploration and production companies based in New Zealand, holding a portfolio of permits over a number of basins and also production assets.
4. It plays a significant role in contributing to the local economy both through royalties, taxes and local employment. Under its corporate social responsibilities, it contributes to local communities in New Zealand and globally.

OMV's permit portfolio

5. OMV holds an interest in three petroleum production operations in New Zealand. All are located in the offshore Taranaki Basin. It operates the producing Maari permit, which lies in 100m of water 80km off the Taranaki coast. OMV also has a share of the Maui licence and the Pohokura permit, which makes it a key player in the New Zealand petroleum industry.
6. s 9(2)(b)(ii)
7. OMV holds interests in nine offshore petroleum exploration permits (PEP) in Taranaki, Great South Basin and East Coast Basin; of these OMV operates seven. These include four permits awarded to OMV in Block Offer 2015.

Recap on your previous meeting with OMV

8. You last met with OMV on 7 March 2016. The purpose of that meeting was to introduce you to Gabriel Selischi. Mr Selischi replaced Mr Zeilinger as Senior Vice President Australasia in April 2016 (Aide Memoire 2326 15-16 refers).

Attendees

9. You will meet the following representatives from OMV on Tuesday 29 November 2016 at 4:00 pm at your office:
 - a) Gabriel Selischi (Senior Vice President of Australasia), and
 - b) Patrick Teagle (Head of Commercial and Legal).

Gabriel Selischi

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OMV's upstream activity

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146.10. However, OMV is continuing its exploration programmes. OMV is expected to start seismic surveying off the west coast of the North Island in approximately late November.
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Taranaki offshore 3D seismic survey

147.11. OMV is preparing for the "Nikau" survey, a programme of approximately 1000km² 3D seismic data acquisition, over its petroleum exploration permit 57075. This permit (also called "Cloudy Bay") is located offshore Taranaki and was granted in Block Offer 2014. Although the Cloudy Bay permit overlaps the Marine Mammal Sanctuary, the Nikau survey has been planned to avoid any data acquisition or vessel movements in the sanctuary.

148.12. The vessel PGS Apollo is being used for this proprietary survey. Currently, the vessel is acquiring data off Farewell Spit for PGS. Once this work is concluded the vessel will become available for the OMV survey.

East Coast offshore 3D seismic survey

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20.14. The survey that Schlumberger has planned comprises an area of approximately 16,000km². Data will be acquired on a non-exclusive basis. This survey, which is two and a half times larger than the next largest 3D survey in New Zealand waters, will be conducted by the survey vessel "Amazon Warrior"

21.1 [REDACTED] s 9(2)(b)(ii)

22.16. Following Greenpeace's announcement of a "summer of action", OMV will be taking a keen interest in the operational security matters concerning the Amazon Warrior.

23.17. MBIE officials have worked with OMV and other Government agencies to ensure Non-Interference Zones are specified for the Amazon Warrior when acquisition starts. We are providing your office with daily updates throughout the survey.

Matuku permit consolidation

24.18. On 27 September 2016, an application was received to transfer the interests of Octanex and New Zealand Oil and Gas (NZOG) in PFP 51906 (Matuku) to OMV. The transfer application is with officials to evaluate.
[REDACTED] s 9(2)(b)(ii)

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Data Acquisition Programme and OMV

- | 25-19. OMV's geologists have provided invaluable industry direction to the development of MBIE's National Well Audit project. This project is being developed by GNS Science and is a part of the much larger ongoing Data Acquisition Programme.
- | 26-20. The National Well Audit is a systematic review of why some exploration wells already drilled have not encountered hydrocarbons. We appreciate OMV's ongoing input and help on this technical project.
- | 27-21. The Data Acquisition Programme also funded the 2015 East Coast geophysical voyage using the RV Tangaroa, which acquired multibeam data and sediment core geochemical samples around the East Coast.

The Government's key energy priorities for 2017

- | 28-22. Gabriel Selischi is interested in your views on the key energy issues and priorities for the Government in 2017. You may wish to respond with reference to the New Zealand Energy Strategy, Energy Targets and the New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy outlined in ~~Appendix A~~ Annex 2.

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Annex 24: The Government's key energy priorities for 2017

1. The Business Growth Agenda (BGA), which sets out Government priorities, includes a key objective to improve energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy to raise productivity, reduce carbon emissions, and promote consumer choice.
2. The New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011–2021 (NZES) contributes to this objective. It sets the strategic direction for the energy sector and the role energy will play in the New Zealand economy, and identifies four priorities:
 - a) Diverse resource development.
 - b) Environmental responsibility.
 - c) Efficient use of energy.
 - d) Secure and affordable energy.
3. The development of energy targets and the replacement of the New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy 2011–2016 (NZECS) will support both the BGA and NZES priorities.

Energy targets

4. The introduction of energy targets will signal, over the long-term, New Zealand's commitment to the transition to a more productive, lower emissions economy. Achieving these targets will require ongoing effort to make more efficient use of our abundant energy resources, and increase the use of renewable energy in the industrial and transport sectors.
5. You may wish to make the following points about the development of energy targets:
 - a) The introduction of energy targets will signal New Zealand's commitment towards the transition to a more productive, lower emissions economy.
 - b) Energy sector participants have been requesting Government direction and leadership in the context of a rapidly changing energy environment.
 - c) Following the Conference of Parties 21 in Paris, New Zealand will need to articulate domestic energy policies to support our transition to a lower emissions economy while increasing productivity.
 - d) New Zealand has a well-functioning energy sector, based on competitive and efficient markets. The role of the Government is to stimulate market-led innovation and remove barriers.
 - e) Specific measures have not been finalised, but the current preferred targets are to retain 90 per cent renewable electricity by 2025, and have targets to:
 - o Improve our energy productivity, which will lead to decreased costs and enhance our business competitiveness.
 - o Broaden the share of renewable energy, recognising that our greatest potential to reduce carbon lies in our transport and process heat sectors.
 - o The intention is to set ambitious targets, but the exact level of stretch has not yet been decided. Like the existing target of 90 per cent renewable electricity by 2025, the new energy targets would not be binding.

New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy

6. In March 2016, the Government announced its decision to replace the NZECS. The NZECS sets out the Government's policies, objectives, and targets in relation to the



promotion of energy efficiency, energy conservation, and the use of renewable sources of energy.

7. You may wish to make the following points about the replacement of the NZEECS:

- a) The replacement NZEECS will complement the energy targets. It will set out policies and actions for Government, businesses, and individuals to help progress New Zealand towards the targets in the next five years.
- b) It is intended that the draft NZEECS will be released for public consultation before Christmas.

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Thursday, 24 November 2016 4:38 p.m.

To:

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Subject:

Maari coverage [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi all

Newshub has a [story](#) on the Maari shut in– largely reporting elements of the PR

Energy News has an [article](#) – again straight factual reporting

Greenpeace NZ [has a story](#) on social media – saying because NZ often has earthquakes and bad weather the Government should halt oil and gas exploration

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Sent: Monday, 28 November 2016 10:19 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) *BRM ERM SSG project group; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Media coverage from the weekend [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Good summary, thank you.

From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 28 November 2016 8:53 a.m.
To: *BRM ERM SSG project group; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Media coverage from the weekend [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi all

The Gisborne Herald now have their expected article online – it is balanced by the fact that they allowed PEPANZ to have a unedited right of reply and is worth a read.

Greenpeace is seeking the publics' assistance to find the Amazon Warrior, who they claim has its AIS off most the time. They are calling for sighting and photos of the ship and its support vessels. They tracked and posted photos of the Maria-G in Wellington – presumably resupplying.

Local East Coast protest group Te Ikaroa says at a recent meeting Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou has agreed to oppose exploration on the East Coast.

Greenpeace has posted further detail regarding their Maui dolphin sighting expedition.

The Gisborne Herald also published an interesting article about the US / GNS research drilling programme taking place next year on the East Coast.

Thanks

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From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 December 2016 11:19 a.m.
To: Jamie Kerr
Subject: RE: Media round up [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Sorry Jamie, disregard – though some interesting reading!

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 December 2016 11:15 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) Jamie Kerr; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Media round up [IN-CONFIDENCE]

FYI below.

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 December 2016 11:12 a.m.
To: *BRM ERM SSG project group; *BRM ERM Sector Development Policy
Cc: James Stevenson-Wallace, s 9(2)(a) John Tulloch
Subject: Media round up [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi all

(apologies to those on both lists)

East Coast

Greenpeace has uploaded a [new video](#) using the footage from their recent flyover. It features some emotive language – “seismic air cannons”, footage from the recent DW Horizon movies, and calling the AW “The Beast”. In a [recent tweet](#) the Russel Norman has nicknamed the AW the Death Star

Block Offer

Oil Free Wellington will be holding a [protest](#) on Wednesday against the impending BO announcement. Greenpeace are promoting this on Facebook so that may lift the numbers. The BO security plan for MBIE will be in effect for Wednesday as well as Thursday. So far 44 people have indicated they are attending.

Pike River

[Newstalk is reporting](#) “ A handful of representatives will present a new re-entry plan at 12.30pm outside Parliament. It has been developed by the Vice Chair of the United Nations Experts on Coal Mine Methane and the former UK Principal Mines Inspector, as well as being endorsed by three other international experts.

The Green Party [has announced](#) they will be standing with the Pike families outside Parliament.

The Labour leader has [announced](#) they would fund a re-entry if an expert said it was said, and they were in government

Anadarko

The [ODT reported](#) on Anadarko’s surrender saying “Houston oil and gas giant Anadarko has joined Norway’s Statoil and Brazil’s Petrobras in relinquishing exploration permits in New Zealand, which brings the Government’s current offshore and onshore block offer under the blowtorch.”

Newstalk (somewhat misleadingly) reported "Incoming PM pushed on climate after oil giant pulls out". This was based on a PR from Greenpeace - and didn't have a comment from the PM.

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Thursday, 15 December 2016 4:29 p.m.

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Subject:

Summary of Block Offer coverage 4.30 15/12 [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi all

Energy news was quick to report on BO2016 – [a straight story](#) highlighting market context, previous success and exploration continues

The NBR has published a fairly [straight story](#) on the results – drawing on material from the Minister's PR and our material – regarding the bids and market context. They did add the observation:
"The outcome of the first Block Offer programme was launched with fanfare at a parliamentary reception and the programme was a key part of the government's efforts to attract international interest in New Zealand's lightly explored offshore basins."

As the above is a Business Desk article (presumably written by Patrick Smeile), we can expect this or a version similar to be published by Fairfax tomorrow – as they syndicate Business desk articles.

Radio NZ [had a story](#) this morning that I missed – saying low bids were likely. We can expect they will have a follow up news item either on Checkpoint or Morning report.

Greenpeace has put [out a PR](#), similar to the [Green Party one](#) saying BO2016 results shows the industry is "broken"

They have also [tweeted](#) regarding the absence of off shore permits and a GP activist has written an [open letter](#) to the Minister regarding the award and saying "now our attention turns west..."

We haven't received a query yet.

I'll provide a summary of media tomorrow morning

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Sent: Friday, 16 December 2016 10:44 a.m.
To: Josh Adams; James Stevenson-Wallace; s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) AJ Millward;
s 9(2)(a) John Tulloch
Subject: Block Offer headlines - 16/12 10:30am [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi all

The latest headlines from Block Offer.

Radio NZ's Morning report programme interviewed PEPANZ CEO Cameron Madgwick, as well as Kate Simcock from Greenpeace. The presenter called the Offer, "a bit of a flop", and the GP spokesperson said it demonstrated the Government's O&G programme had failed. Mr Madgwick explained the cyclical nature of the industry and put across a well thought out defence.

Radio NZ also ran a balanced story last night featuring material prepared by MBIE

Taranaki Daily News had a misinformed article on the Block Offer – it seems they think this was a financial tender. We will follow up with the reporter on this.

Newshub had a balanced story featuring comment from the Minister's PR, Greenpeace and the Green Party. This looks like an online story only (not broadcast last night).

No further social media items of note.

There will likely be a few late filed stories but I expect this is almost it for Block Offer 2016 media.

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Sent: Thursday, 22 December 2016 11:41 a.m.
To: James Stevenson-Wallace; s 9(2)(a) David Darby; Josh Adams; AJ Millward; s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Greenpeace announce plans for protesting at the Petroleum Conference [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi all

Greenpeace in conjunction with a number of climate change activist groups has announced their plans for protesting at the annual petroleum conference in Taranaki.

Dubbed The People's Climate Change Rally they have described it as "[a] two-day event, on March 22 and 23, will include peaceful protest, workshops, and entertainment for people of all ages that promotes a world without fossil fuels in order to curb the looming climate catastrophe."

They mention NZP&M and say:

"The oil and gas industry has been making a retreat this year, pulling out of permits and cutting investments," she says.

"Now they're moving from Auckland to hold their annual conference in what can only be seen as a retreat to 'safe territory', but we are stepping things up to tell them it's time to stop the drilling and ensure a future without runaway climate change."

A facebook group has also been set up and the event is being shared across social media channels.

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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Sunday, 9 April 2017 1:07 p.m.
To: AJ Millward; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Info re alleged NIZ breach [UNCLASSIFIED]

**For the Minister of Energy and Resources. 9 April 2017.
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment**

Background

The seismic surveying vessel *Amazon Warrior* has a 500 meter non-interference zone (NIZ) established by the Chief Executive of MBIE under the Crown Minerals Act 1991. MBIE and other agencies have been monitoring the *Amazon Warrior's* seismic surveying operation closely. Vessels engaged in protest activity have approached the *Amazon Warrior* over the previous two weekends. On 9 April 2017, MBIE was advised that Greenpeace vessels allegedly breached the *Amazon Warrior's* NIZ by 25 meters.

Offences and penalties

Section 101B establishes two main offences which are summarised below:

1. First, a person commits an offence if the person intentionally engages in conduct that causes damage to, or interference with, a ship.
Penalty: In the case of an individual, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding \$50,000, and, in the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000.
2. Second, a person commits an offence if they enter a specified non-interference zone without reasonable excuse.
Penalty: The person is liable to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

Options for prosecution: Arrest or Summons

If either interference or a breach of the NIZ is alleged, the person may be either arrested or summoned to court, as summarised below:

1. *Option 1 - Arrest.*
The Police may arrest a person alleged to have committed an offence. The person would be required to appear at District Court on the next available day.
Comment: This provides little time for preparation of evidence but sends a strong signal and indicates the public interest in the offence.
2. *Option 2 - Summons*
MBIE and other agencies may gather evidence and then summon the person to District Court on a given day. This decision to summon must be made within twelve months of the offence.
Comment: the public interest in prosecution will reduce over time.

Next steps

Protest vessels are expected to return to port in Napier within the next 12-24 hours.

MBIE have two official Enforcement Officers on stand-by who can be sent to Napier today to continue to monitor the situation.

Decisions to prosecute are usually made after consultation between the Minister of Energy and Resources and the Chief Executive of MBIE.

Annex 1: Section 101B of the Crown Minerals Act 1991

101B Interfering with structure or operation in offshore area

(1)

A person commits an offence if the person intentionally engages in conduct that results in—

(a)

damage to, or interference with, any structure or ship that is in an offshore area and that is, or is to be, used in mining operations or for the processing, storing, preparing for transporting, or transporting of minerals; or

(b)

damage to, or interference with, any equipment on, or attached to, such a structure or ship; or

(c)

interference with any operations or activities being carried out, or any works being executed, on, by means of, or in connection with such a structure or ship.

(2)

A person commits an offence if—

(a)

the person is the master of a ship that, without reasonable excuse, enters a specified non-interference zone for a permitted prospecting, exploration, or mining activity; or

(b)

the person leaves a ship and, without reasonable excuse, enters a specified non-interference zone for a permitted prospecting, exploration, or mining activity.

(3)

In prosecuting an offence against subsection (2), it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the person intended to commit the offence.

(4)

A person who commits an offence against subsection (1) is liable on conviction,—

(a)

in the case of an individual, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding \$50,000;

(b)

in the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000.

(5)

A person who commits an offence against subsection (2) is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

(6)

For the purposes of subsection (2), the chief executive may specify a non-interference zone by notice published in a fortnightly edition of the *New Zealand Notices to Mariners* (under Part 25 of the Maritime Rules).

(7)

A notice must specify—

(a)

the permitted prospecting, mining, or exploration activity to which the non-interference zone relates; and

(b)

the locality of the activity; and

(c)

the area of the non-interference zone to which the activity relates (which may be up to 500 metres from any point on the outer edge of the structure or ship to which the activity relates or, if there is any equipment attached to the structure or ship, 500 metres from any point on the outer edge of the equipment); and

(d)

the period (which may be up to 3 months) for which the notice has effect.

(8)

The chief executive, when determining the area of a non-interference zone for the purposes of a notice, must take into account the nature of the activity, including the size of any structure or ship to which the activity relates and any equipment attached to the structure or ship necessary for the carrying out of the activity.

(9)

No proceedings for an offence against this section may be brought in a New Zealand court in respect of a contravention of this section on board, or by a person leaving, a foreign ship without the consent of the Attorney-General.

Regards

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Subject: RE: Draft PR [UNCLASSIFIED]

Cool good to go from my perspective, just waiting on s 9(2)(a)

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James is okay with that, I believe.

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To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
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Looks ok by me – just note the use of 'fossil fuel'.

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To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Draft PR [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Here's our draft PR – awaiting final sign off but we need to get this out ASAP as it's getting late in the day.

People are free to protest at sea but this should be done safely

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment General Manager James Stevenson-Wallace is urging people protesting the Amazon Warrior seismic survey ship to be cautious and stay safe.

Greenpeace have said they have breached a 500 metre Non-Interference Zone around the Amazon Warrior and have dropped people in the water ahead of the ship, forcing it to take evasive action and alter course.

In 2013 the Parliament made changes to the Crown Minerals Act, making it illegal for protest activity to interfere with seismic survey or other vessels involved in permitted and lawful petroleum work.

"These non-interference provisions are not about removing the right to protest. They are about balancing the right to protest with an operator's right to get on with their work – while promoting the safety of everyone involved," Mr Stevenson-Wallace says.

"Petroleum operations at sea are complex, often very precise and can be at an industrial scale. The vessels carry high-tech equipment, can be large and have limited manoeuvrability.

"People are free to protest oil and gas activity at sea, as they are on land, but this must be done safely. This is as much for protestors as for the crew of the Amazon Warrior."

Mr Stevenson-Wallace says petroleum development has substantial economic benefits for New Zealand, as in Taranaki, where petroleum is currently produced.

"Further oil and gas discoveries could have real benefits for New Zealand. The industry can create more highly-skilled and well-paid jobs, and delivers hundreds of millions of dollars in royalties to the Crown each year. This money is used to pay for services, such as hospitals and schools, for all New Zealanders.

"The Pegasus Basin, where the Amazon is currently surveying off the Wairarapa coast, is particularly prospective for natural gas. If there were a discovery, there is potential for gas to be exported to India and Asia where it could be used to displace coal – the dirtiest fossil fuel – for electricity generation.

"The Government has developed a robust regulatory regime to ensure oil and gas activities are undertaken to the highest standards - which includes minimising and potential impacts on marine mammals, such as whales and dolphins. Any seismic survey vessels operating in our Exclusive Economic Zone have to follow the Department of Conservation's Code of Conduct for seismic surveying.

"It is considered one of the most rigorous in the world for protecting marine mammals and requires survey ships to have independent observers on board, watching and listening for mammals. If any mammals are detected within a kilometre radius all activity stops until they leave the area."

MBIE will be looking into alleged breaches of the Crown Minerals Act's non-interference provisions.

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Subject: RE: Greenpeace swimmers stop Amazon Warrior seismic blasting, 50 miles out to sea [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks can I get MBIE's final media statement sent through as well?
Cheers

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Subject: RE: Greenpeace swimmers stop Amazon Warrior seismic blasting, 50 miles out to sea [UNCLASSIFIED]

Sorry about the hold up, crazy day. Responses ...

What is the government doing to ensure Chevron and Statoil can continue to collect seismic data in these permit areas in the Pegasus basin without interference?

MBIE is investigating alleged breaches of the Crown Mineral's Act non-interference provisions. If interference continues the Ministry will consider an appropriate response to ensure the Amazon Warrior can continue its work.

Does the minister believe it is in NZ's economic interest to have this work done in the little-explored Pegasus basin?

Most definitely. Petroleum development has substantial economic benefits for New Zealand already. All of our petroleum comes from Taranaki at present but we have 17 other petroleum basins that are under explored.

Further oil and gas discoveries could have real benefits for New Zealand. The industry can create more highly-skilled and well-paid jobs, and delivers hundreds of millions of dollars in royalties to the Crown each year. This money is used to pay for services, such as hospitals and schools, for all New Zealanders.

Is the minister concerned we're at risk of a Deepwater Horizon-type disaster if oil is found and subsequently extracted?

An oil spill on that that scale is an extremely low probability event. Internationally, there have been significant learnings taken from the Horizon spill. In New Zealand, we strengthened our regulatory regime - including regulating the environmental impacts of activities in our EEZ for the first time (marine consent process through the Environmental Protection Authority).

Is the minister concerned newly discovered fossil fuel reserves will contribute to global warming?

While the world is moving to a low-carbon economy, this transition will take time. For example, the International Energy Association forecasts that oil and gas will make up almost half of the world's energy needs out to 2040.

The Pegasus Basin, where the Amazon is currently surveying off the Wairarapa coast, is particularly prospective for natural gas. If there were a discovery, there is potential for gas to be exported to India and Asia where it could be used to displace coal – the dirtiest fossil fuel – for electricity generation.

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Can we get response as soon as possible?

Thanks

Regards

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s 9(2)(a) [redacted] Greenpeace release as discussed.

This must be a breach of the Crown Minerals Act amendment of 2013.

1. What is the government doing to ensure Chevron and Statoil can continue to collect seismic data in these permit areas in the Pegasus basin without interference?
2. Does the minister believe it is in NZ's economic interest to have this work done in the little-explored Pegasus basin?
3. Is the minister concerned we're at risk of a Deepwater Horizon-type disaster if oil is found and subsequently extracted?
4. Is the minister concerned newly discovered fossil fuel reserves will contribute to global warming?

Kind regards

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Subject: Greenpeace swimmers stop Amazon Warrior seismic blasting, 50 miles out to sea

Greenpeace swimmers stop Amazon Warrior seismic blasting, 50 miles out to sea

10 April 2017 - Greenpeace activists have thrown themselves into the sea in front of a huge offshore oil exploration vessel off the New Zealand coast.

Among them is Greenpeace Executive Director, Russel Norman.

The swimmers' position has forced the oil exploration ship to halt its operations and deviate off course.

This drama is taking place 50 nautical miles off the Wairarapa coast where the 125 metre Amazon Warrior, nicknamed "The Beast" is seismic blasting for oil.

The oil exploration is being carried out for Arctic driller Statoil and Chevron, a US oil company part-owned by President Donald Trump.

To find oil, the Amazon Warrior is using seismic cannons to blast the seafloor with sound waves every eight seconds, day and night. It needs to travel in straight lines along a grid to get data about potential oil reserves, and any deviation makes this data unusable.

The blasts it lets off are comparable in sound to an underwater volcano and can cause chronic distress to whales and dolphins in the area.

Statoil and Chevron have permits to drill to extreme depths of up to three kilometres if oil is found – twice as deep as Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, which caused the world's largest and most devastating oil spill in 2010.

The Fossil Fuel President, Donald Trump, has shares in Chevron, and the oil company funded a large part of his presidential inauguration.

25-year-old, Sara is another of the swimmers currently floating in the path of the Amazon Warrior with Russel Norman.

She says she's putting her body on the line because the ship is searching for the very oil that will destroy her future.

"The science is settled that we can't burn the majority of the fossil fuel reserves we know about if we want to keep the Earth's temperature below dangerous levels," she says.

"What this means is that not a single newly discovered oil well anywhere in the world can operate if we want to avoid a climate catastrophe. Right now I'm looking at a ship that's been invited here by the New Zealand Government to do just that.

"I'm young and I'm already experiencing the effects of climate change. Every year the storms get worse, the floods and the droughts are getting more extreme. Just imagine how grim my future looks if we can't stop this.

"It's easy to feel powerless because what we're up against is so big. But everywhere, people are rising up and demanding change. Their actions are having a snowball effect, and in many parts of the world, we're starting to see huge, positive changes."

Greenpeace has been tailing the Amazon Warrior for the past 2 days in its newest boat, Taitu.

The organisation crowdfunded nearly \$100,000 in just a week to buy the 15-metre boat, and ran an online competition to choose its name.

A 2013 Amendment to the Crown Minerals Act, dubbed the 'Anadarko Amendment', was put in place to stop protests at sea around oil exploration. The law change makes it an offence to interfere with or get closer than 500 metres of an offshore ship involved in oil exploration.

From on board Taitu, Greenpeace Executive Director, Dr Russel Norman, says the right to peaceful protest is essential to a healthy democracy and New Zealand has a long and proud tradition of protest at sea.

“Neither the Government nor the oil industry can stifle people across New Zealand peacefully rising up against this mad pursuit of new oil to burn in the midst of what is nothing less than a climate emergency,” he says.

“Climate change threatens our homes, health and families. Despite knowing this, our Government is actively subsidising oil companies to look for new oil, putting profits above people’s lives - it has become necessary for people to take action.

“In New Zealand we’ve already seen extreme storms, flooding, drought and fires in the space of a just a few weeks, and it’s only April. Climate change makes these weather events more frequent and more intense.”

Taitu’s trip follows on from a flotilla that included Ngāti Kahungunu’s voyaging waka, Te Matau a Māui, which travelled out to the Amazon Warrior to deliver a message on behalf of more than 80 hapū of Te Ikaroa.

Public opposition to oil exploration has seen protests in ports, petitions garnering tens of thousands of signatures, and significant local government and iwi opposition.

ENDS

Updates live here: www.greenpeace.nz/taitu-live

Images and video are available here now and there’s more to come later today:

<https://greenpeace.box.com/v/taitu-10-April>

Russel Norman will be available for interviews via Satellite phone on Taitu once he’s got some dry clothes on.

Greenpeace Climate campaigner Kate Simcock is available for interviews in Auckland

Contact Nick Young: 021 707 727

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To: AJ Millward, s 9(2)(a) Chris Bunny; David Smol
Cc: Josh Adams
Subject: RE: Information on alleged Non-Interference zone breach [UNCLASSIFIED]

As at 10am – Not this closes-out the operational updates with staff returning to Wellington today.

- Summons successfully and peacefully served on all 3 key people - last individual at 1pm yesterday.
- Maritime compliance officer is working effectively with MBIE staff in terms of Maritime obligations etc.
- Charges laid initially for interference (rather than NIZ breach) up to 12 months in prison or \$50k fine for interference. We are anticipating adding NIZ breach once we have executed search warrant to gather location evidence.

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- MBIE staff are returning to Wellington, and will work through the evidence over the next 6 working days to support the case.

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Further update to be provided Wednesday 19th April

Regards, James

From: James Stevenson-Wallace
Sent: Tuesday, 11 April 2017 12:30 p.m.
To: AJ Millward <AJ.Millward@mbie.govt.nz>; s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>; Chris Bunny <Chris.Bunny@mbie.govt.nz>; David Smol <David.Smol@mbie.govt.nz>
Cc: Josh Adams <Josh.Adams@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Information on alleged Non-Interference zone breach [UNCLASSIFIED]

As at 12noon

- **Summons successfully** and peacefully served on 2 of the 3 key people when they returned to shore (Napier) - Russell Norman and Gavin Malfroy.
- Note, GP recorded the event, but media were not present. The Summons was served by MBIE staff, Jackie Adams.
- Scheduled for Court on 10 May in Napier.
- MBIE benefitted from a strong, but discrete, police presence of 12 officers.
- A maritime compliance officer was eventually deployed from Wellington but is yet to arrive.
- The vessels returned to Napier. One of the vessels, the Ketch is still in the harbour due to the tide/shallow harbour – one key individual is still on board.
- We seek to serve the summons on that individual, but failing that will seek warrant for arrest (particularly to avoid her leaving the country)
- Due to poor weather conditions, it is unlikely that the vessel will return in the next 24-72 hrs
- We will continue to monitor the situation.

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Next update at 4pm.

Regards, James

From: James Stevenson-Wallace

Sent: Tuesday, 11 April 2017 9:33 a.m.

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Cc: Josh Adams <Josh.Adams@mbie.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Information on alleged Non-Interference zone breach [UNCLASSIFIED]

As at 9.15am

The GP vessels left the vicinity of the AW last night and are estimated to return to shore between 10am-12noon.

Vessel location is currently unknown. AW lost radar view at approximately 20nm

Anticipating a return to Napier – based on departure/direction and time + commentary from GP – We are also planning contingencies for Masterton (castle point) and Wellington landings.

There is particular uncertainty of the potential landing points for the Rigid-Hulled inflatable boat (numerous sandy-beach landing points across Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa coast line).

2 people on board who we are unable to confirm their identity.

- In the process of securing summons documentation from the courts – time imperative. Jackie Adams is warranted to serve the summons.
- Police support confirmed: 6 officers, potential CIB support (pending)
- Police briefing will occur at 9.30am – to confirm process of investigation etc.
- Maritime investigator hasn't been deployed – we are escalating for support.
- Evidence has been successful received from AW vessel to support investigative process

Further update to come at 11am

Regards, James

From: James Stevenson-Wallace

Sent: Monday, 10 April 2017 6:21 p.m.

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Cc: Josh Adams <Josh.Adams@mbie.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Information on alleged Non-Interference zone breach [UNCLASSIFIED]

Afternoon, an update as of 5pm.

- A formal complaint has been received from Schlumberger this afternoon. The complaint seeks onshore support, not offshore deployment at this stage.
- GP have indicated an intention to cease activities and return to shore due to likely adverse weather conditions – there is uncertainty as to whether this will occur.
- We are assuming that the most likely return is to Napier, but we are considering Castle Point and Wellington as alternative return destinations/contingency planning
- MBIE is putting in place an onshore response – which is an investigative process led by MBIE, with support from NZ Police and Maritime NZ.
- Maritime NZ have agreed to deploy an investigator in response to the Schlumberger complaint specifically looking into the safety practices, and the completeness of their 'commercial vessel' status.

- We are currently pursuing a Summon-approach (as opposed to an arrest), but will review this depending on GP actions over the next 24 hours. We are working through who would lay charges against (individuals or companies), the MBIE prosecutions team is supporting this process.
- MBIE have secured a search warrant to support further investigations.
- We are actively working with AW to secure footage, still photographs etc to support any further actions.
- We have been informed that a day of lost activity costs the company approximately s 9(2)(b)(ii) per day.
- An interagency-offshore operational group met this afternoon to explore possible offshore interventions should the GP interference continue/reoccur – includes Maritime, NZ Defence Force, Police, MBIE. Any offshore response would likely involve the Navy.
 - o Key points:

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- MBIE have released a PR.

A further update will be provided at 10am tomorrow.

Regards, James

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Subject: RE: Information on alleged Non-Interference zone breach [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi All,

- The protestors remained in the survey area over night and have continued to follow the Amazon Warrior remaining outside the NIZ.
- At 1148hrs the TAITU advised the Amazon Warrior there "were swimmers" in the water at 4nm out.
- As we understand the situation the swimmers have not yet breached the NIZ, however the Amazon Warrior had had to take evasion action and has to vary its course 2 degrees per minute to divert their course out of concern for safety to the swimmers. Possibility up to two swimmers at a time.
- We do not have a clear indication of intentions of the protestors i.e. when/where they are expected to return to shore.
- We are staying in contact with Schlumberger to get the earliest indications on protestors time of departure from the survey area and direction of travel.
- We have deployed MBIE staff to Napier to gather additional evidence and to ensure we have people on site when the protest vessels return to shore.
- We anticipate that the protest vessels will seek to shift crew between the vessels before returning to shore to attempt undermine prosecution options.
- Also possible that the Taitu (the old pilot boat) may return directly to Wellington.
- MBIE staff continue to coordinate with police, other agencies (e.g. MNZ) and Schlumberger. Maritime NZ have been engaged to confirm the HS&E aspects of the swimmer-situation.
- MBIE is considering search warrant options with police in preparation for the protestors return.
- MBIE are convening the multiagency response group to discuss matters.

Further update to follow at 4pm.

Thanks, James

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Subject: Information on alleged Non-Interference zone breach [UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

Hi All

Please find information set out below to update you on our current NIZ situation. We have sent in email format for ease of reading as most of you will pick this up on mobile devices. Updates will continue throughout the day via normal text and email channels.

**For the Minister of Energy and Resources. 9 April 2017.
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment**

Background

The seismic surveying vessel *Amazon Warrior* has a 500 meter non-interference zone (NIZ) established by the Chief Executive of MBIE under the Crown Minerals Act 1991. MBIE and other agencies have been monitoring the *Amazon Warrior's* seismic surveying operation closely. Vessels engaged in protest activity have approached the *Amazon Warrior* over the previous two weekends. On 9 April 2017, MBIE was advised that Greenpeace vessels allegedly breached the *Amazon Warrior's* NIZ by 25 meters.

Offences and penalties

Section 101B establishes two main offences which are summarised below:

1. First, a person commits an offence if the person intentionally engages in conduct that causes damage to, or interference with, a ship.

Penalty: In the case of an individual, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding \$50,000, and, in the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000.

2. Second, a person commits an offence if they enter a specified non-interference zone without reasonable excuse.

Penalty: The person is liable to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

Options for prosecution: Arrest or Summons

If either interference or a breach of the NIZ is alleged, the person may be either arrested or summoned to court, as summarised below:

1. *Option 1 - Arrest.*

The Police may arrest a person alleged to have committed an offence. The person would be required to appear at District Court on the next available day.

Comment: This provides little time for preparation of evidence but sends a strong signal and indicates the public interest in the offence.

2. *Option 2 - Summons*

MBIE and other agencies may gather evidence and then summon the person to District Court on a given day. This decision to summon must be made within twelve months of the offence.

Comment: the public interest in prosecution will reduce over time.

Next steps

- We are continuing to monitor the situation closely and will continue to follow our MBIE escalation plan.
- Protest vessels are expected to return to port in Napier within the next 12-24 hours.
- MBIE have two Enforcement Officers on stand-by who are likely to go to Napier today to continue to monitor the situation.
- Decisions to prosecute are usually made through consultation between the Minister of Energy and Resources and the Chief Executive of MBIE.

Annex 1: Section 101B of the Crown Minerals Act 1991

101B Interfering with structure or operation in offshore area

(1)

A person commits an offence if the person intentionally engages in conduct that results in—

(a)

damage to, or interference with, any structure or ship that is in an offshore area and that is, or is to be, used in mining operations or for the processing, storing, preparing for transporting, or transporting of minerals; or

(b)

damage to, or interference with, any equipment on, or attached to, such a structure or ship; or

(c)

interference with any operations or activities being carried out, or any works being executed, on, by means of, or in connection with such a structure or ship.

(2)

A person commits an offence if—

(a)

the person is the master of a ship that, without reasonable excuse, enters a specified non-interference zone for a permitted prospecting, exploration, or mining activity; or

(b)

the person leaves a ship and, without reasonable excuse, enters a specified non-interference zone for a permitted prospecting, exploration, or mining activity.

(3)

In prosecuting an offence against subsection (2), it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the person intended to commit the offence.

(4)

A person who commits an offence against subsection (1) is liable on conviction,—

(a)

in the case of an individual, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding \$50,000;

(b)

in the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000.

(5)

A person who commits an offence against subsection (2) is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

(6)

For the purposes of subsection (2), the chief executive may specify a non-interference zone by notice published in a fortnightly edition of the *New Zealand Notices to Mariners* (under Part 25 of the Maritime Rules).

(7)

A notice must specify—

(a)

the permitted prospecting, mining, or exploration activity to which the non-interference zone relates; and

(b)

the locality of the activity; and

(c)

the area of the non-interference zone to which the activity relates (which may be up to 500 metres from any point on the outer edge of the structure or ship to which the activity relates or, if there is any equipment attached to the structure or ship, 500 metres from any point on the outer edge of the equipment); and

(d)

the period (which may be up to 3 months) for which the notice has effect.

(8)

The chief executive, when determining the area of a non-interference zone for the purposes of a notice, must take into account the nature of the activity, including the size of any structure or ship to which the activity relates and any equipment attached to the structure or ship necessary for the carrying out of the activity.

(9)

No proceedings for an offence against this section may be brought in a New Zealand court in respect of a contravention of this section on board, or by a person leaving, a foreign ship without the consent of the Attorney-General.

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Thanks All

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Hi s 9(2)(a)

Lines as follows:

- The royalties from petroleum production go into the general fund, which the Government invests to help build and strengthen the economy for the benefit of all New Zealanders. For the last financial year (2015/16), petroleum companies paid \$203 million in royalties and levies to the Crown.
- The oil and gas industry is a major player in economic development in the regions, creating job opportunities for iwi.
- We encourage and facilitate engagement between iwi and industry to allow dialogue and exploration of potential opportunities, participation and benefits from oil and gas activity. This has led to specific arrangements with operators, for example in Northland:
 - Otaraoa hapū (Waitara) with support from Todd Energy, developed a catering business to deliver the Rig Camp Services for Todd's drilling rig. For the hapū, profits have supported the marae and they built capacity to branch out into other projects.
 - Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS) and Shell New Zealand worked closely with iwi and hapū and contract them for their services like Environmental Monitoring, Cultural Impact Assessments, monitoring of wahi tapu sites and participation in emergency training.
 - Shell and Statoil both trained hapū members to become accredited Marine Mammal Observers (on seismic survey vessels) with the ability to report back to their whanau in an independent capacity.
- We undertake extensive consultation with iwi and hapū. We have a statutory responsibility to consult with iwi and hapū on all new petroleum and minerals permit applications, requests to increase the size of permits or change the types of minerals permitted.
- Through our engagement with iwi, we have built a positive and enduring relationship with iwi that provides a point of contact allowing other issues to be addressed through different government agencies.

Cheers

From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] @parliament.govt.nz]
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To: s 9(2)(a) [redacted]
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Subject: FW: Lines on oil and gas exploration-s 9(2)(a) anything we could provide in particular around maori economy?

Hey guys

Could we please **urgently** get a few lines on the contribution of oil and gas sector to Maori economically?

Cheers

s 9(2)(a) [redacted]

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From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 19 April 2017 11:23 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] @parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Lines on oil and gas exploration

Hi s 9(2)(a) [redacted]

I hope you had a good Easter.

Our Minister is being interviewed by Te Karere at 1:30pm and they want to ask her the following question:

Outside of Education, you were the acting Energy and Resources Minister in 2011 when East Cape iwi Te Whanau Apanui and Greenpeace protested and disrupted Brazilian oil company Petrobras in the Raukumara Basin. Do you still believe that oil and gas exploration could contribute significantly to the New Zealand economy, in particular, contribute to Maori economically? Why?

Do you have any lines around oil and gas exploration?

Thanks,

s 9(2)(a) [redacted]

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To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: EN inquiry - onshore petroleum well risk study [UNCLASSIFIED]

Yes thanks.

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Subject: RE: EN inquiry - onshore petroleum well risk study [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks s 9(2)(a) Looks fine to me.

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Subject: RE: EN inquiry - onshore petroleum well risk study [UNCLASSIFIED]

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FYI – Draft response to Energy News query below on where we're up to on consultation on managing third party risk exposure from onshore petroleum wells:

We received five submissions from industry and non-industry stakeholders. General themes included liability in relation to financial exposure from onshore wells, the need to ensure permit holders complete their work programme obligations on active permits, and questions around the estimates of third-party financial exposure.

MBIE has been carrying out an audit of New Zealand's onshore petroleum wells and carrying out further analysis of the size and nature of risk exposure using New Zealand-specific information we have collected through the audit.

The feedback from submissions and the analysis will help us to finalise the details, and once this is done we will be in a position to set dates around possible policy changes.

From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] @freemanmedia.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 1 June 2017 9:50 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) [redacted]
Subject: EN Inquiry - onshore petroleum well risk study

Hi s 9(2)(a) [redacted]

I'm looking into a possible story today about MBIE's "managing third party risk exposure from onshore petroleum wells" and just wanted to clarify a few things before I progress it.

- This consultation paper closed submissions in April, where is it at now? What's happening with it? Where to next?
- How many submissions did it receive?
- What there any common themes that came through in the submissions?
- Has anything changed in MBIE's thinking on this topic post submissions? - At the AIPN conference in New Plymouth the last few days this point was raised.

Essentially I'm just wanting an update on where this paper is and what the next steps are for it.

(Just keeping this in separate emails from my Greenpeace questions)

Cheers,

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Subject: RE: Lines [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Great thanks s 9(2)(a)

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Subject: Lines [UNCLASSIFIED]

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As mentioned, some lines if needed over the weekend. Thanks.

Background

The *Amazon Warrior* is expected to be in Nelson for fuel and supplies this weekend before departing NZ waters. While it's in port, the vessel could attract protest action. The Non-interference Zone that's been in place around the *Amazon Warrior* for the past seven months at sea no longer applies while its seismic surveying has ended and it's in port – in this case the vessel is treated the same legally as any other vessel. Any illegal protest activity against the *Amazon Warrior* would be a matter for the harbourmaster, Maritime NZ, and/or the Police.

Protest action

- People opposed to oil and gas activity have a right to protest – but it should always be done safely and legally.
- While the *Amazon Warrior* is in port, protestors need to observe a safe distance from the vessel, and respect the rights of crew to get on with their activities without disruption. Any protest that interferes with a vessel at port would be a matter for the harbourmaster and/or Police.
- The *Amazon Warrior* is a large, high-tech vessel. Disrupting its movements, in particular, puts the lives of both protestors and crew in danger.

Seismic surveying

- The *Amazon Warrior* is a seismic surveying vessel. Seismic surveying involves using a combination of air or water to create an acoustic source to take readings of the geology below the ground.
- The vessel has been carrying out seismic surveys off the Wairarapa coast for the past several months.

- Operators have to meet a number of regulatory requirements before carrying out their work. This ensures they work to the highest standards in terms of the environment and safety.

Non-interference provisions

- In 2013, the Government introduced changes to the Crown Minerals Act, including new non-interference provisions to ensure permitted petroleum activities can be carried out without disruption from unlawful interference.
- In this case, the *Amazon Warrior* has ended its seismic operations and the Non-Interference Zone doesn't apply. However, anyone protesting still should do so legally and at a safe distance from the vessel.

Greenpeace court case

- Earlier this year, MBIE laid charges against three Greenpeace protestors for allegedly breaching the non-interference provisions regarding the *Amazon Warrior*, which was carrying out seismic surveying off the Wairarapa coast for the past several months. The protestors are expected to make their first appearance in the Napier District Court on 28 June 2017.
- This is an operational matter and Ministers are not involved.

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Subject: RE: Greenpeace hearing [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks s 9(2)(a)

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To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Greenpeace hearing [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Planned answer to Energy News (nothing in there that hasn't been reported already):

You've no doubt seen media reports that diversion for the three people charged is a possibility. For this to happen they'd need to admit to the charges, and are said to be considering the offer. MBIE has also laid two charges of intentional interference with the *Amazon Warrior* against Greenpeace New Zealand. In court yesterday, Greenpeace New Zealand pleaded not guilty to the charges. The next date to put in your diary is 28 August, when the charges against Greenpeace New Zealand will be heard and the three charged will have their offer of diversion considered.

Thanks

From: s 9(2)(a) @freemanmedia.co.nz
Sent: Thursday, 29 June 2017 10:13 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Greenpeace hearing

Morning s 9(2)(a) just touching base to see if anything material transpired at the Greenpeace/seismic hearing in Napier yesterday? If not – is there another date we can put in our diary? Come back to me when you can.
Thanks

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Cc: s 9(2)(a) Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Greenpeace prosecution [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hey guys, on reflection – appreciate the no-surprises approach but the office would be happy to receive media responses etc after they have been provided to media.

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Subject: RE: Greenpeace prosecution [UNCLASSIFIED]

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To: s 9(2)(a)
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Subject: FW: Greenpeace prosecution [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Energy News have changed their line of questioning (email below) so aiming to send this response instead (by 2pm). Have put this through a legal check. Let me know if any issues with the below:

Please attribute to Josh Adams, National Manager Petroleum:

MBIE has a statutory role to enforce alleged breaches of the Crown Minerals Act. Under the Act, organisations have a responsibility for the actions of their employees and agents, and can be charged, just as individuals can [see section 102]. After considering evidence from our investigation into the alleged offending, we have now laid two charges of intentional interference with the operations of the Amazon Warrior against Greenpeace New Zealand.

MBIE is currently discussing the option of diversion with the three people charged. It is our normal legal process to consider whether diversion is appropriate. This does not necessarily mean diversion will be agreed. As part of any offer of diversion, defendants must take responsibility for their offending, and agree to, and complete, diversion conditions. We haven't yet discussed the diversion conditions so aren't in a position to comment.

The Act's non-interference provisions are about balancing the right to protest with an operator's right to get on with their permitted work.

People are free to protest at sea, just as they are on land, but this should be done at a safe distance. Seismic survey vessels can be large and have very limited manoeuvrability, so the law also helps ensure the safety of everyone involved.

The next court date is 28 August, when Greenpeace New Zealand and the three people charged will be appearing in court.

For more information about the non-interference provisions under the Crown Minerals Act, see <https://www.nzpam.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/our-industry/factsheets/unlawful-interference.pdf>

From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] @freemanmedia.co.nz
Sent: Thursday, 29 June 2017 11:48 a.m.
To: Media MBIE
Subject: Greenpeace prosecution

Hi....Keen to get some comment please on why MBIE felt it was appropriate to a) offer the Greenpeace seismic protestors diversion and b) lay additional charges against the organisation. Also keen to know what conditions MBIE will be proposing for the terms of the diversion.
Happy to discuss. Please call if any of this is unclear.
Thanks

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Subject: RE: Greenpeace accuse Thompson & Clark of spying [UNCLASSIFIED].
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FYI there will be a media query coming through on this soon. I've discussed with s 9(2)(a)

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And now this:

<http://www.greenpeace.org/new-zealand/en/press/NZ-Govt-implicated-in-oil-industrys-multi-year-covert-spy-operation-on-Greenpeace-/t/WYuTCYmko2M.twitter>

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Subject: Greenpeace accuse Thompson & Clark of spying

FYI: NZ herald story - mentions p&m prosecution:

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Subject: RE: URGENT MEDIA: Greenpeace claims NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace [UNCLASSIFIED]
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Thanks. Ten minutes please guys.

Likely response will be that Minister had no direct knowledge of Thompson & Clarke's activities, and MBIE will answer on the operational side.

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Subject: RE: URGENT MEDIA: Greenpeace claims NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace [UNCLASSIFIED]

We're onto this.

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Subject: URGENT MEDIA: Greenpeace claims NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace
Importance: High

Hi all

Can we please have a response to the below query prepared as soon as possible. I'll call to discuss.

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Subject: FW: Greenpeace claims NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace

From: Phil Taylor [mailto:Phil.Taylor@nzherald.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 10 August 2017 11:57 AM
To: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Cc: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Subject: Greenpeace claims NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Re Greenpeace claim that an informant has told them that the Government (includes departments) had knowledge of spying alleged to involve P.I. firm Thompson & Taylor, Statoil and Anadarko and to have gone on an almost daily basis for years.

Contacting as Judith Collins is current minister of Energy and Resources and Simon Bridges was Minister during period that spying alleged to have gone on.

Please comment on the request by Greenpeace to categorically deny knowledge, including by department officials.

Greenpeace press release below .. but here is relevant bit:

"The New Zealand Government needs to categorically deny that any official has ever had a communication with the oil industry about Thompson & Clark and Greenpeace, because our information tells us that they have."

Regards,

Phil

From: Sophie Schroder [mailto:sophie.schroder@greenpeace.org]
Sent: Thursday, 10 August 2017 10:14 AM
To: Phil Taylor
Subject: NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace

NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace

Thursday, August 10: Greenpeace New Zealand's Executive Director, Dr Russel Norman, is calling on the Government to "categorically deny" any knowledge of a covert spy operation that saw staff at the environmental organisation being watched daily, for years.

Staff at Greenpeace's Auckland offices have been left shocked at leaked information indicating oil companies have been using a controversial agency to spy on them at work and at home. Furthermore, the New Zealand Government has also been implicated in the operation.

Greenpeace was tipped off that oil companies, including Anadarko and Norwegian state-owned oil company Statoil, contracted Thompson & Clark Investigations to collect a broad range of information about Greenpeace staff and volunteers. The information received suggests the New Zealand Government has also been involved.

Since receiving the information, Greenpeace's investigation unit has spent months confirming the accuracy of the information that was leaked.

Greenpeace has now launched legal action to protect the privacy of its staff and volunteers. This includes requesting an injunction to stop any ongoing surveillance, and launching a privacy claim.

Executive Director, Dr Russel Norman, says the documents Greenpeace has seen show dozens of employees and volunteers have been followed, photographed, and profiled by the spy agency.

"The material we have seen shows that there is an extensive, indiscriminate operation on Greenpeace. We believe our people have been watched almost every day, for years. They've been followed to their homes, they've been tailed in their personal time, they've had their privacy breached in completely unacceptable ways," he says.

Thompson & Clark has previously been at the centre of controversy after using unethical methods to investigate several NGOs. These included planting moles within organisations who then formed romantic long-term relationships with employees and extracted information.

"I've got people in the office who are frightened," says Norman. "Staff are feeling nervous on their way to work, and now have to check over their shoulder wherever they go. We're talking about people being followed home at all hours of the day and night by spies creeping around in darkened cars with long lens cameras.

"This operation is disgusting. The team here work tirelessly because they want to make our world better. What leaves me feeling really sick is the allegation that our own Government has a hand in these dirty dealings.

"We've already seen them protect the oil industry at the expense of our climate and environment, but it would be the ultimate betrayal if they were knowingly helping oil companies gain information about private citizens in order to threaten peaceful and democratic protest.

"We have an important history of protest in New Zealand, marked by events such as the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior, which was carried out at the behest of the French Government after it infiltrated Greenpeace with spies. Back then, the Government went to every end to fight for justice for us. Now it appears that they are the ones helping the spies.

"The New Zealand Government needs to categorically deny that any official has ever had a communication with the oil industry about Thompson & Clark and Greenpeace, because our information tells us that they have."

Most recently, Greenpeace New Zealand has been campaigning against Statoil's presence on the East Coast. In April, the organisation crowdfunded \$100,000 for the boat, Taitu, which it used to peacefully confront the Amazon Warrior, a ship Statoil commissioned to search for deep sea oil.

Greenpeace and the activists involved were charged by the Government for the first time in history under the controversial amendment to the Crown Minerals Act, dubbed the 'Anadarko Amendment', which was put in place in 2013 by the Government to stop protests against oil exploration at sea.

The defendants will be in the Napier District Court to enter pleas on August 28.

ENDS

For more info:

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Subject: MBIE media response [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

FYI: Here's our draft response to the Herald. Thanks.

Phil,

Minister Collins passed your query on to us. Here's our response:

As part of New Zealand Petroleum & Mineral's (part of MBIE) monitoring of petroleum activities we expect oil companies to brief us on their safety plans (which includes security) and keep us updated as activities progress.

MBIE has received information from Thompson & Clark in relation to our current prosecution of Greenpeace and three individuals for alleged breaches of the Crown Minerals Act's non-interference provisions. Thompson & Clark were the security company on board the Amazon Warrior seismic survey vessel and have provided evidence of the alleged offending at sea as part of the prosecution. Following standard legal process, this information has been disclosed (given) to Greenpeace's lawyers.

Thanks,

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Cc: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Subject: Greenpeace claims NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Re Greenpeace claim that an informant has told them that the Government (includes departments) had knowledge of spying alleged to involve P.I. firm Thompson & Taylor, Statoil and Anadarko and to have gone on an almost daily basis for years.

Contacting as Judith Collins is current minister of Energy and Resources and Simon Bridges was Minister during period that spying alleged to have gone on.

Please comment on the request by Greenpeace to categorically deny knowledge, including by department officials.

Greenpeace press release below .. but here is relevant bit:

“The New Zealand Government needs to categorically deny that any official has ever had a communication with the oil industry about Thompson & Clark and Greenpeace, because our information tells us that they have.”

Regards,

Phil

From: Sophie Schroder [<mailto:sophie.schroder@greenpeace.org>]

Sent: Thursday, 10 August 2017 10:14 AM

To: Phil Taylor

Subject: NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace

NZ Govt implicated in oil industry's multi-year covert spy operation on Greenpeace

Thursday, August 10: Greenpeace New Zealand's Executive Director, Dr Russel Norman, is calling on the Government to “categorically deny” any knowledge of a covert spy operation that saw staff at the environmental organisation being watched daily, for years.

Staff at Greenpeace's Auckland offices have been left shocked at leaked information indicating oil companies have been using a controversial agency to spy on them at work and at home. Furthermore, the New Zealand Government has also been implicated in the operation.

Greenpeace was tipped off that oil companies, including Anadarko and Norwegian state-owned oil company Statoil, contracted Thompson & Clark Investigations to collect a broad range of information about Greenpeace staff and volunteers. The information received suggests the New Zealand Government has also been involved.

Since receiving the information, Greenpeace's investigation unit has spent months confirming the accuracy of the information that was leaked.

Greenpeace has now launched legal action to protect the privacy of its staff and volunteers. This includes requesting an injunction to stop any ongoing surveillance, and launching a privacy claim.

Executive Director, Dr Russel Norman, says the documents Greenpeace has seen show dozens of employees and volunteers have been followed, photographed, and profiled by the spy agency.

"The material we have seen shows that there is an extensive, indiscriminate operation on Greenpeace. We believe our people have been watched almost every day, for years. They've been followed to their homes, they've been tailed in their personal time, they've had their privacy breached in completely unacceptable ways," he says.

Thompson & Clark has previously been at the centre of controversy after using unethical methods to investigate several NGOs. These included planting moles within organisations who then formed romantic long-term relationships with employees and extracted information.

"I've got people in the office who are frightened," says Norman. "Staff are feeling nervous on their way to work, and now have to check over their shoulder wherever they go. We're talking about people being followed home at all hours of the day and night by spies creeping around in darkened cars with long lens cameras.

"This operation is disgusting. The team here work tirelessly because they want to make our world better. What leaves me feeling really sick is the allegation that our own Government has a hand in these dirty dealings.

"We've already seen them protect the oil industry at the expense of our climate and environment, but it would be the ultimate betrayal if they were knowingly helping oil companies gain information about private citizens in order to threaten peaceful and democratic protest.

"We have an important history of protest in New Zealand, marked by events such as the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior, which was carried out at the behest of the French Government after it infiltrated Greenpeace with spies. Back then, the Government went to every end to fight for justice for us. Now it appears that they are the ones helping the spies.

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Most recently, Greenpeace New Zealand has been campaigning against Statoil's presence on the East Coast. In April, the organisation crowdfunded \$100,000 for the boat, Taitu, which it used to peacefully confront the Amazon Warrior, a ship Statoil commissioned to search for deep sea oil.

Greenpeace and the activists involved were charged by the Government for the first time in history under the controversial amendment to the Crown Minerals Act, dubbed the 'Anadarko Amendment', which was put in place in 2013 by the Government to stop protests against oil exploration at sea.

The defendants will be in the Napier District Court to enter pleas on August 28.

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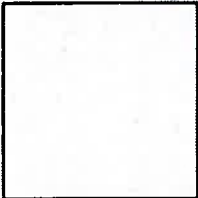
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From: AJ Millward
Sent: Friday, 11 August 2017 3:27 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) *OIA
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Subject: RE: New Ministerial OIA - Minister Bridges Greenpeace OIA [UNCLASSIFIED]

Noted and received, thanks s 9(2)(a) Please note, Minister Collins has the same OIA

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Hi OIA Team

Please attend this OIA received.

It's all related to information contained in the Minister's office, so I will forward any material (if any) in scope to you to complete the OIA.

Once you assign a person to this OIA, can you let me know and I'll send to them directly any in scope material.

Thanks
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