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Dear Wendy McGuinness

Following our letter of 28 May 2020 advising of our decision on part 1 of your Official Information Act request, and subsequent email of 11 June notifying you of the publication of the *Business Case for Open Ocean Finfish Aquaculture* (Business Case), New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) is now answering part 2 of your request, for which we extended the timeframe for response. For part 2 you asked if “NZTE commissioned or prepared any other reports on salmon farming over the last ten years? If yes, we would also appreciate a soft copy of these reports.”

We have conducted a search of our information libraries for key words relating to your request for the requested time period. We did not find evidence of reports being produced or commissioned by NZTE about salmon farming, outside of the Business Case.

While not directly commissioned by NZTE, NZTE is part of the Food and Beverage Project, led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), and has provided funding to several investor guides which, like the Business Case, provide information to potential investors on Food and Beverage sectors in New Zealand. Several of these touch on the salmon industry and salmon farming in New Zealand. These reports are:

- Investment opportunities in the New Zealand salmon industry 2012; and
- The Investor's Guide to the New Zealand Seafood Industry 2017.

These are available on MBIE's website at <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/economic-development/growing-the-food-and-beverage-sector/food-and-beverage-information-project/food-and-beverage-investor-guides/> Please note they are at the very bottom of the webpage. There is also information about the salmon industry in New Zealand in the *Investor's Guide to the New Zealand Food and Beverage Industry 2020* (also available at the above link), which may be of interest. It is concentrated in the Seafood section from page 89, though this focusses on the seafood export industry in New Zealand rather than farming.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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