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Dear ###

We write further to your request, received 14 November 2025, which states:

In public interest was the Boy Shayne purchased with a government grant.

If it was how much did the tax payer or government contribute for the purchase and how much did the owner or owners contribute for the purchase.

When was the Boy Shayne purchased.

Our response to your request is as follows:

Q1: In public interest was the Boy Shayne purchased with a government grant.

The Department provided a grant towards the purchase of the vessel under the Fishing Vessels (Financial Assistance) Scheme 2003 (as amended).

Q2a If it was how much did the tax payer or government contribute for the purchase.

The grant was equivalent to 40% of the purchase price of the vessel, in line with the terms of the Fishing Vessels (Financial Assistance) Scheme 2003 (as amended). This scheme is no longer in operation.

Q2b How much did the owner or owners contribute for the purchase

Section 25(b)(i)&(ii) – personal information

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested because it is absolutely exempt under section 25(2)(b)(i)&(ii) of the Act (absolutely exempt personal information). The reasons why that exemption applies are that:

- The Department of Environment Food and Agriculture is satisfied that the information amounts to personal data of which you are not the data subject; and

- The Department of Environment Food and Agriculture is satisfied that disclosure of the information would contravene one of the data protection principles as set out at Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation as it applies in the Isle of Man pursuant to the Data Protection (Application of GDPR) Order 2018, namely that the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture can only disclose the information where it would be fair, lawful and meet one of the conditions for lawful processing in Article 6 and in this case, none of those conditions have been met.

Q3 When was the Boy Shayne purchased.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the public authority does not hold or cannot, after taking reasonable steps to do so, find the information that you have requested. This is because the Department has no record of when the Boy Shayne was purchased.

To offer advice and assistance, the grant was made to the applicant in September 2011.

Please quote the reference number 5086457 in any future communications.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at <https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review> . If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on:

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your right to a review can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at www.inforights.im.

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at www.gov.im/foi.

I will now close your request as of this date.

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