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I refer to your email of 15 December 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'I would like to request any photographs, and any project summaries, project scope documents, or project completion reports associated with New Zealand's contribution to "Solomon Islands: Domestic Maritime Support (Sector) Project" managed by the Asian Development Bank, with funding support from New Zealand, Australia, and others. ADB ref is "0293-SOL, Government of New Zealand."'

On 21 December 2023, we advised that responding to your request as currently framed would require the review of a significant amount of information in order to locate any information potentially in scope. We sought your agreement to refine your request to be for the following in relation to the *"Solomon Islands: Domestic Maritime Support (Sector) Project" managed by the Asian Development Bank, with funding support from New Zealand, Australia, and others. (ADB ref 0293-SOL):*

1. A project summary document, which provides the scope and an overview of the project
2. Any completion reports
3. A range of photos received from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) across the timeframe of the project
4. The grant agreement for 0293-SOL

You responded on 22 December 2023 agreeing to refine your request to be for the four items listed above.

In addition you agreed photos from the ADB would meet your information needs, adding, *if the local consulate has any on file (They appear to have something very similar on their facebook account), that may suffice.*

On 12 February 2024 the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 13 working days because responding to your request necessitated the review of a large quantity of information. (section 15A(1)(a) of the OIA refers).

The attached document, titled *SOL: Domestic Maritime Support (Sector) Project* provides a summary of the project and is provided in answer to the first part of your request.

The completion reports in scope of the second part of your request are publicly available on the Asian Development Bank (ADB) website.

Establishment of the Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Administration Completion report dated November 2012 is available on the ADB website at:

<https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/solomon-islands-40263-022-7>.

Domestic Maritime Support (Sector) Project: Project Completion Report dated December 2021 is available on the ADB website at: <https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/sol-40263-022-pcr>.

We have attached a selection of photographs sourced from quarterly reports on the project. They are identified by location and labelled with the date of the quarterly report they were found in. Please note that some quarterly reports do not contain photographs.

The grant agreement for 0293-SOL, along with any amendments made over the life of the project is publicly available on the ADB website at: <https://www.adb.org/projects/40263-022/main#tabs-0-2>

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sarah Corbett
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

SOL: Domestic Maritime Support (Sector) Project

1. **Outcome:** Provision of interisland shipping services that are frequent, reliable, and safe.
2. **Outputs:** The project has two output components: (i) improved rural infrastructure by rehabilitating or reconstructing 12 wharves and jetties; and (ii) establishing franchise shipping scheme (FSS) by subsidizing shipping services to very remote areas that are recognized to be commercially not viable.

3. Financing:

Asian Development Bank - Grant 0127	\$14.00 million	Approved on 31 December 2010
European Union (EU) – Grant 0127	\$1.60 million	Approved on 31 December 2010
Government of Australia - Grant 0292	\$3.95 million	Approved on 23 May 2012
Government of New Zealand - Grant 0293	\$5.29 million	Approved on 17 June 2014
Government of Solomon Islands counterpart financing	\$2.45 million	Approved on 28 April 2015
Total estimated project cost	\$27.28 million	

4. **Milestones and Current Status:** The project is progressing well and on track. The implementation progress of component 1 is over 90% and scheduled to complete by August 2015. The component 2 of the project will continue until end of the project in 31 December 2018. The milestones of each component of the project are as below.

Component 1 - Rehabilitating or reconstructing 12 wharves and jetties:

- A contract for reconstruction of 5 wharves and 2 landing ramps was awarded in October 2011 for \$6.74 million following international competitive bidding procedures.
- Detail design and supervision consultant contract was awarded in March 2009.
- The civil works and consultant contracts were financed by ADB and EU funds and both contracts were completed in August 2013 with 5 wharves and 2 landing ramps completed.
- The second civil works contract for reconstruction of 4 wharves and a landing ramp was awarded for \$6.23 million following international competitive bidding procedures in November 2013.
- The second supervision consultant contract was awarded in March 2013. Both contracts were financed by additional cofinanced grants from the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand.
- A contract variation was issued to both civil works and consultant contracts in July 2014 to implement 5th wharf utilizing second additional cofinancing grant from the Government of New Zealand.
- The second contract variation was issued to both contracts in December 2014 to implement 6th wharf utilizing uncommitted funds and savings from the civil works contract.
- The third contract variation was issued to both contracts in April 2015 to implement 7th wharf financed by third additional cofinancing grant from the Government of New Zealand and counterpart financing from the Government of Solomon Islands (\$0.2 million).
- The second civil works and supervision consultant contracts will be completed by August 2015 and will complete 7 wharves and a landing ramp.
- Altogether the project will complete 12 wharves and 3 landing ramps by August 2015.

Component 2 – Establishing Franchise Shipping Scheme (FSS):

- The project established 8 franchised shipping schemes and currently 7 are in operation. The FSS is financed by ADB (\$6.24 million) and the Government of Solomon Islands (\$0.53 million).
- Management of FSS is being implemented by the supervision consultant. The current consultant's contract is expiring in August 2015 and a national consultant will be recruited for the management of FSS from August 2015 until end of the project.
- A voyage audit services contract is in place to monitor accuracy of passenger and cargo receipts, activities of vessel shipping clerk and operator's revenue reporting match with receipts during the voyage.

Photographs received from ADB across the timeframe of the project

1. Quarterly Report Oct 2012



Figure 1 – Nu'usi Site in 2009



Figure 4 – Nu'usi Wharf Looking West

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2. Quarterly Report Jan 2013



Figure 2 – Niumara Wharf



Figure 5 – Nu'usi Wharf and Landing Craft Area

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Figure 6 – Mbunikalo Piling,

3. Quarterly Report Apr 2013



Figure 3 – Mbunikalo Wharf and Landing Craft Apron

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Figure 4 – Katurasele Wharf

4. Quarterly Report Oct 2013

No photos available from this report

5. Quarterly Report Jul 14:



Completed Ringgi Wharf

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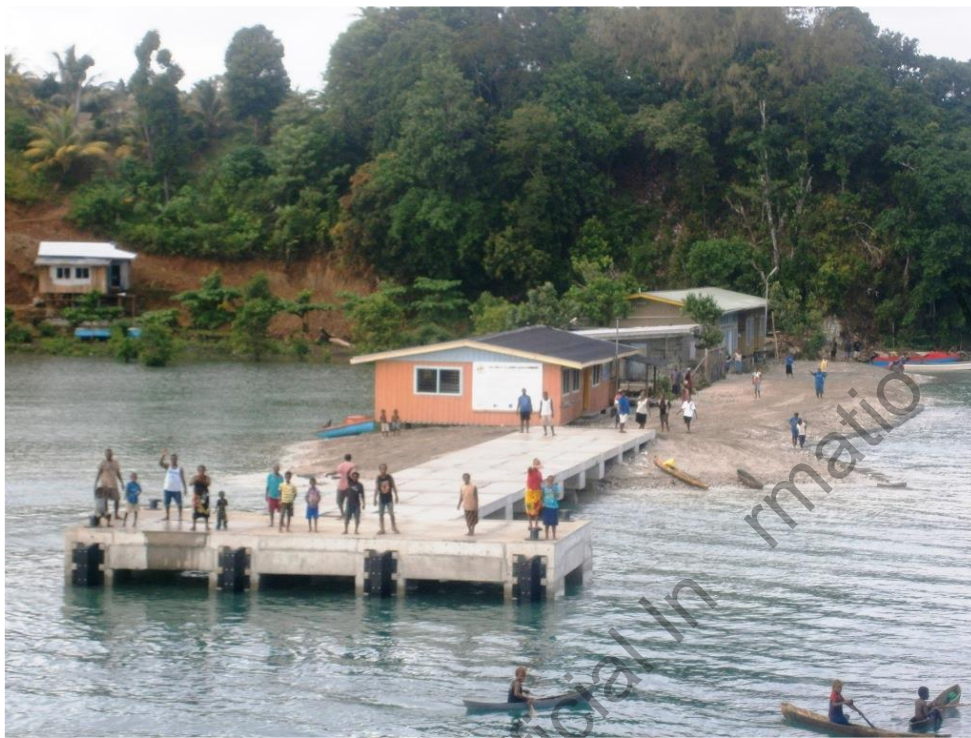
Completed Keru Wharf



Completed Ngasini Wharf

Photographs received from ADB across the timeframe of the project

6. Quarterly Report Oct 14



Completed Tatamba Wharf

7. Quarterly Report Jan 2015



Completed Susobona wharf

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Completed Susobona wharf



Completed Susobona wharf

Photographs received from ADB across the timeframe of the project

8. Quarterly Report Apr 15



Completed Ngasini wharf



Tatamba wharf head and approach bridge

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Tatamba wharf head and approach bridge



New Lambulambu Wharf

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Uhu Concrete Ramp