

**STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**18 MAY 1998  
AT 4.00 PM**

**11. RUSSIAN SEAMEN**

RR 7734

The Chairman reports:

The Mayor has received a number of communications from people expressing concern over the plight of the seamen who have remained on their ships in protest at not being paid their wages and in fear that they will not be paid in full if they return to Russia.

The issue is primarily one for the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Minister of Immigration. It is of concern that the resolution of the matter has been so delayed. The Council cannot be indifferent to the plight of the seamen, especially as it is the majority shareholder in the Lyttelton Port Company. It is understood that welfare agencies have reached the limit of their ability to provide food supplies.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:**

1. That the Council urge the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Minister of Immigration to co-operate to ensure an equitable outcome for the seamen.
2. That the Council make a contribution to an appropriate agency to assist in the supply of food to the seamen.