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As of 1030hrs today, Tuesday 8th October 2024, the Office of the Acting Prime Minister issued a confirmation report from Captain Dowling, Commander of Operations and Afioga Fui Tupai Mau Simanu, Chairman of the Samoa Marine Pollution Advisory Committee on the current situation related to HMNZ Manawanui vessel which went aground on Saturday 5th October 2024 in the South West Coast of Samoa.

According to the report, there is no evidence of oil spillage onto the reefs, ashore and around the area, as of 1030hrs this morning, except for small leakages of oil coming from the vessel. This has been contained using specialized equipment being deployed on site. A combined full force and priority has been given to this incident and a team of divers and marine experts have been deployed out to the site of the vessel.

They are expecting a full assessment of the situation sometime in the afternoon today.

In the meantime, marine scientists are carrying out sample testing of the nearby waters and beaches for any traces of oil. The public will be informed when more information comes to hand. We ask the public for their support and assistance to return to the authorities any property or belongings that are believe to be from this incident, and report sighting of any oil or other concerns.

We pray for your continuous prayers, support and patience.



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