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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 24 November 2015 requesting the following information:

'Can I ask based on the release of NSS and SDSR 2015 -

- 1. What are the out-of-service (OSD) dates for RFA Argus and RFA Diligence?*
- 2. Is there a planned replacement for either or both vessels?'*

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested and taking your questions in order:

Q1. What are the out-of-service (OSD) dates for RFA Argus and RFA Diligence?

A1. On current plans, the out of service dates are 2024 for RFA ARGUS and 2020 for RFA DILIGENCE.

Q2. Is there a planned replacement for either or both vessels?

A2. The consideration of options to deliver the capabilities that these platforms enable, beyond these dates, remains ongoing.

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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Yours sincerely

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