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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 18 September 2017 in which you requested the following information:

'Can I ask what is the structure of 42 Commando since it has converted to a "specialised Maritime Operations unit"? How does it structure differ from the Commando 21 structure for 40 and 45 Commando?'

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that the Department has the information that you have requested.

In response to your request, the Maritime Operations Unit conducts a vast array of operations and tasks and therefore the size and configuration of each company/troop varies. However, the naming of the Companies (Coy) remains unchanged from J Coy, K Coy, L Coy and M Coy which are supported by Command and Logistic elements.

The Structure of 42 Commando is different to 45 and 40 Commandos as it is now focussed on small team activity and therefore a traditional troop/section structure would be unsuitable. However two Coys are still based loosely on the Commando 21 Structure. The structure will evolve over time as the Maritime Operations Unit settles into the role.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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