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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 4 December 2014 requesting information on Chaplains at sea aboard submarines. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information and taking your questions in turn:

Q1. Can you inform me as to whether Chaplains serve at sea aboard submarines.

A1. Chaplaincy provision to submarines is currently provided alongside with occasional short visits to sea currently <5 chaplains cover the SM fleet within the flotillas at Plymouth and Faslane.

Q2. Can you also tell me how many Chaplains are qualified to wear the Submariner's "Dolphins" qualification badge?

A2. Currently <5 Chaplains have their Dolphins.

Please note that to prevent the unintentional disclosure of an individuals identity any numbers of 5 or less are shown as <5.

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Yours sincerely

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