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## Release of Information

Thank you for your communication of 14 June 2016 requesting the following information:

'Could you please advise me of the dates scheduled for the Joint Warrior 16-2 exercises scheduled to take place off western Scotland in October 2016.

Separately, could you advise me of the dates scheduled for Unmanned Warrior 2016.'

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 information you have requested on Exercise Joint Warrior 16-2 is available on the MOD Website via the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/48003 3/FOI2015-010407\_redacted\_scanned\_version.pdf

The Ministry of Defence is permitted to withhold information where an exemption is considered justifiable. As the information you requested is already available to the public we have assessed your request falls under the absolute exemption at section 21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means – of the Act. Consequently, we are not obliged to provide you with the information.

With regard to the second part of your request for information on Unmanned Warrior this commences at the same time as Exercise Joint Warrior however as from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016, weather permitting, we will be conducting hydrographic data collection as part of the Unmanned Warrior exercise.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal

resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <a href="http://www.ico.org.uk">http://www.ico.org.uk</a>.

Yours sincerely

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