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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 27 January 2016. Your correspondence has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

"Please can you send me a copy of the latest DNSR inspection report of safety management at 3 Basin, Devonport dockyard?"

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found attached, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) and qualified exemption provided for at section 26 (Defence) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Section 26 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 26 has been applied to some of the information because it contains details of the management of laid-up nuclear powered submarines. The balance of public interest was found to lie in favour of withholding this information because its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the defence of the British Islands and the capability, effectiveness and security of the armed forces of the Crown.

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Regards

DSA Secretariat