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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 4th November 2016 requesting the following information:

'May I ask what is the a) established manning and b) current number of (Hong Kong) Laundrymen in the follow Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships?

Queen Elizabeth-Class Carrier

HMS Ocean

Albion-class LPD

Type 45 Destroyer

Type 23 Frigate

HMS Scott

HMS Protector

Bay-class LSD(A)

Wave-class Oiler

RFA Fort Victoria

Fort Rosalie-class replenishment ship

RFA Argus'

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

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held as the Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary do not employ the services of Hong Kong Laundrymen in ships.

Under Section 16 of the Act – 'Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance' I can advise you that laundry services within the Royal Fleet Auxiliary are performed by RFA Company Service Contract UK Seafarers. The Royal Navy employs the services of an external contractor for the provision of a laundry service in major warships; other Royal Navy ships and submarines have washing machines provided and laundry is either dealt with by the individual themselves or by members of the ship's company as part of their duties.

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, 1st Floor, Zone K, 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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section