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10 November 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13 October 2016 in which you requested the following information:

- *'The number of reported collisions from 2011-2016 between a submarine and any marine vessel (trawler, fishing vessel, merchant vessel, etc.) in Irish territorial waters;*
- *The number of reported instances of contact and/or near contact by a submarine Commanding Officer from 2011-2016 with any marine vessel (trawler, fishing vessel, merchant vessel, etc.) in Irish territorial waters;*
- *The number of SUBFACTS broadcasts alerting mariners of the presence of a submarine(s) in Irish territorial waters from 2011-2016*
 - *If possible, please breakdown SUBFACTS broadcasts by month;*
- *Minutes of meetings between the Marine Accident Investigation Branch and Fleet Operations Division at the Northwood HQ on 5 June 2015 and 21 September 2015 in relation to a collision between the trawler Karen and a dived Royal Navy submarine in the Irish Sea on 15 April 2015;*
- *All correspondence (including email attachments) with both internal and external entities in relation to the above mentioned meetings'*

Your enquiry is 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 (MOD) and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

In response to your first three questions the answer is that there have been none.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, duty to provide advice and assistance, I can inform you that SUBFACTS are broadcasted twice daily, whether

submarines are operating or not. Further information on SUBFACTS can be found on the Royal Navy website via the following hyperlink :

<http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/clyde/jw/subfacts>

In response to your fourth question asking for minutes of meetings between the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) and Fleet Operations I have to inform you that the MOD does not hold any records or minutes of meetings held between the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) and Fleet Operations Division.

Regarding your final question requesting all correspondence relating to the above mentioned meetings the Department holds an email and a letter from the MAIB that fall in scope of your request and these are attached at Annex A and B. You will note that they have been redacted to remove information not in scope of the request, and personal information where appropriate in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, and s40(2) of the FOI Act 2000

Section 40(2) applies to personal data relating to third parties. The release of personal information relating to other individuals would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.

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://ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Navy Command - FOI Section

From: [REDACTED]@maib.gov.uk]
Sent: 16 October 2015 16:41
To: NAVY COMOPS [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: MAIB investigation

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- A meeting between MAIB inspectors and senior managers within the Submarine Service. The purpose of this meeting would be to identify the organisational influences on the accident. With merchant ship accidents, we will always meet with the managing company to review safety management systems and processes. Of note, during the last meeting with RAdm Parr, he mentioned both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as key staff who could offer insight to the case – that's the level we are aiming at - Cdr/Capt submariners with leadership and management responsibility for submarines at sea.

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Annex B to
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Dated 10 Nov 16

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Our Ref: 15/0389/MAIBUK

18 September 2015

Dear Rear Admiral Parr,

**MAIB INVESTIGATION INTO THE COLLISION BETWEEN AN RN SUBMARINE
AND THE FISHING VESSEL KAREN IN THE IRISH SEA ON 15 APRIL 2015**

References:

- A. Merchant Shipping(Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2012
- B. MAIB 15/0389 dated 25 August 2015 (Draft report for consultation)

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will meet with you on Monday 21 September 2015 and I see this as an initial scoping meeting to clarify the objectives of our investigation and the next steps of evidence collection. [REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

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Captain Steve Clinch
Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents

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