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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 July 2017 in which you clarified that you required the following information:

'The percentage/ working formula for promotion in the Royal Navy from ET to LH for ET WE (CIS) SM legacy as opposed to direct entry WE's. I would like this information from the introduction of the faraday in 2015

SM legacy refers to CIS submariner ratings who have not been trade trained as Weapons Engineers i.e. those who have not done a conversion course or joined pre 2016. WE trained CISSM and pre legacy CISSM have different promotion requirements and therefore are selected for promotion differently though the establishment billets for CIS Submariners has remained the same. How is promotion therefore determined and broken down between the two.'

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 Ministry of Defence holds some information in scope of your request. In response to the first part of your request, there is no percentage or working formula for promotion in the Royal Navy from Engineer Technician (ET) to Leading Hand (LH) for ET Weapons Engineer (WE) Communications Information System (CIS) however I am able to tell you that promotion numbers are made against the requirement or 'Maximum Authorised Number' (MAuN) and then the definition of merit used against the individual's promotion pack as presented at the board.

In response to the second part of your request, there are currently 2 sets of Promotion Regulations for the WESM and Legacy CISSM which are detailed in the following sections of the Royal Navy Book of Reference 3 (BR3) Volume 1, Chapter 8:

<http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/reference-library/br3vol1/contents/part-8>

7509 – Engineering Technician(Weapon Engineering Submarine) – Entry from April 2006 and Branch Transferees – Promotion Flowchart.

The rules which apply to personnel who entered the Royal Navy from April 2006 and legacy Mechanics and Operator Mechanics, post higher rate or enabling Qualifying Courses (QCs), that transferred to the ET specialisation as part of the branch development process including CISSM are detailed in the following section of BR3, Volume 1, Chapter 8:

7511- Engineering Technician (Weapon Engineering Submarines) CIS- Entered as Warfare CISSM and transferred to WE Branch in April 2015.

The Ministry of Defence is permitted to withhold information where an exemption is considered justifiable. As the information you have 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.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely

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