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Dear

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

Thank you for your email of 5 July, I am now in a position to provide you with a substantive response to your Freedom of Information request, in which you asked a question about the specification for the Aircraft Carrier, HMS Prince of Wales:

I'd like to request information about the HMS Prince of Wales aircraft carrier.

My question is:

Is this ship being kitted out to a specification equal to that of the HMS Queen Elizabeth, its sister ship?

I would like to advise that we are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), and I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds the information that you have requested.

I can confirm the two Queen Elizabeth Class Aircraft Carriers, HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales are being built to the same design and specification, and this will be the case throughout the life of the ships. It will not be practicable to keep the configuration of both ships identical all of the time, as they are upgraded and repaired in tandem, rather than in parallel. Generally, however they will be the same.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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