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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2017 in which you requested the following information:

'I would like to know how many times Southern Diving Unit 1, in Plymouth, were called to action from October 1, 2016 to October 1, 2017.

As part of this, could I have a brief summary of:

- * When and where the team deployed
- * A short description of the incident
- * What action the team undertook'

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

As explained in the interim reply to you of 14 November 17, a search was completed within the Ministry of Defence and information in scope of your request is held, however, consideration of the information following a public interest test, has confirmed that some of the information falls within the scope of the qualified exemptions under Section 24 – National Security and Section 26 – Defence - of the Act. The Department is permitted to withhold information where the engagement of an exemption is considered justified.

Section 24(1) of the Act is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security and information is exempt if its disclosure would bring harm to national security. It is likely that some of the information when pieced together with other information already in the public domain could identify vulnerable areas within the UK and undermine the effectiveness of current and future measures to protect the country. On balance, it has therefore been concluded that the public interest lies in withholding some of the information under the exemption at section 24(1) of the Act.

Under Section 26(1)(a) and (b) of the Act, information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of any relevant forces. It is likely that some of the information requested would reveal operational practices and techniques which might compromise current or future operations and risk the capability, effectiveness or security of our Armed Forces. On balance, it has therefore been concluded that the public interest lies in withholding some of the information under the exemption at section 26(1)(a) and (b) of the Act.

Under Section 31(3) law enforcement the MOD neither confirms nor denies whether it holds some information in the scope of your request, which if held would be exempt under section 31. Disclosure of such information could compromise the interaction between the military and civil powers. On balance, it has therefore been concluded that the public interest lies in neither confirming nor denying whether the MOD holds some information in scope of your request. This should not be used as an indication that such information is or is not held

The Department is able to provide you with some information which can be found in the Annex attached to this letter.

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

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Southern Diving Unit 2016

Date	Area	Identification	Render Safe Procedure
Oct16	Widemouth Bay	1x Blacker Bombard spigot Mortar	Dem in Situ
Oct16	Ynyslas Beach	1x mattress rocket 1x mk1 3" HW rocket	Dem in Situ
Oct16	St Austell police station	3x signal distress marker Red Mk 4 circa 1950's	Picked Up (RTU)
Oct16	Ynyslas Beach	2x Mattress rocket	Dem in Situ
Oct16	Whitford sands	Non ordnance	N/A
Oct16	HMS Monmouth	1x British 4.5 shell	Dem in Situ
Oct16	Exeter	1 x Mills Rifle Grenade	Picked Up (RTU)
Oct16	Caswell road (Swansea)	1 Non ordnance	N/A
Oct16	Tavistock College	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Oct16	Newton Abbot College	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Torbridge High School	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Falmouth Community School	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Devonport High School	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Ivybridge Community College	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Coombe Dean School	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Coombes Head Academy	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Falmouth	Non Ordnance	N/A
Nov16	St Austell College	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Yates International Academy	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Clevedon Community School	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Launceston College	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Honiton Community College	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Kings School Burton	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	St Lawrence School	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	The Hive Technology College	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Backwell School	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Mount Kelly College	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Queen College Taunton	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Mathews Point Blackpool	1x French Smoke marker	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Squires Gate, Brean	1x Stun Grenade	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Plympton Academy	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	St Boniface's Catholic Collage	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Totnes, Recycling Centre	1 x 2" Solid Shot	Picked up (RTU)
Nov16	Lipson Academy	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Spires College	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Notre Dame Catholic School	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	St Austell	5x Bird Scarers	Picked up (RTU)
Nov16	St Austell	1 x Solid Shot	Picked up (RTU)
Nov16	Kilve Beach, Somerset	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Nov16	Goschen College	Various Small Arms Ammunition	Picked up (RTU)
Nov16	Kingsbridge	2x Mills Grenades (Inert)	Picked up (RTU)

Dec16	Braunton Police Station	1x Mills Grenade (Inert)	Picked up (RTU)
Dec16	The Bolitho School	Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP)	Dem in Situ
Dec16	Seaton Exmouth	L2A2 Grenade	Picked up (RTU)

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Jan17	Liskeard	1x Mills Grenade 2x Braxia Mortars	Dem in Situ
Jan17	Tavistock Road	10x Special Incendiary Grenades	Dem in Situ
Jan17	Tavistock Road	14x Special Incendiary Grenades	Dem in Situ
Jan17	Ferry Bridge	Non Ordnance	N/A
Jan17	Helston Police Station	71x WWI Artillery nose fuse	Picked Up (RTU)
Jan17	Kewstoke	1x MK6 Anti-Submarine Mortar	Dem in Situ
Feb17	Barnstable	1x 4" Armstrong projectile	Picked Up (RTU)
Feb17	Newton Abbot Road	1x 35mm Projectile	Picked Up (RTU)
Feb17	HMNB Devonport	2x Man Overboard Markers	Recovered for disposal at a later date
Feb17	Sidmouth	1x 2" Para-illumine Mortar	Dem in Situ
Feb17	Falmouth	1x Mk N3 Submarine Phosphorus Grenades	Dem in Situ
Feb17	Portland	2x US Anti-Submarine Mk3 Inert	N/A
Feb17	Bude, Cornwall	4x Navigational Marker Buoys (Non-Ordnance)	N/A
Feb17	Helston	Non- Ordnance	N/A
Feb17	Exeter	1x Projectile Base plate	Picked up (RTU)
Feb17	Truro	1x Mills Grenade	Dem in Situ
Feb17	Croyde Beach	1x N2 Mk3 Smoke Marker	Dem in Situ
Feb 17	Saunton Sands	1x Smoke and Flame N2 Mk4	Dem in Situ
Feb-Mar17	Gower Peninsula	17x 76mm Projectile pitch 1x 76mm Projectile HE 15x 25lb Carrier 4x 25lb Projectile 27x 3" Mortar 24x 32 Mortar 13x 17lb Tungsten 27x Smoke pots 4x 6" Smoke pots 2x 95mm Canisters 1x Skyrail Mortar 1x Skytrain Mortar 7x 2" Smoke Mortar 1x Bofor Round 12x 55mm Bofor Rounds 7x 20mm Rounds 36x 4.2" Mortar	Dem in Situ IAW Gower EOC
Mar17	Woolacombe	Non- Ordnance	N/A
Mar17	Gower Peninsula	11x Land Mattress motor 2x RP3 6x 2" RP3 7x Land Mattress warheads HE 2x Sea Mattress warheads pitch 1x Sea Mattress warhead HE 1x 25lb Projectile pitch 1x 3" Mortar pitch 6x 3" Mortar tails	Dem in Situ IAW Gower EOC

Mar17	Rame	1x Spigot Mortar (inert)	Picked up (RTU)
Mar17	Redruth	1x Solid shot projectile	Picked up (RTU)
Mar17	HMS Somerset	1x 4.52 Practice projectile	Dem in Situ
Mar17	Ynyslas beach	1x Mattress rocket	Dem in Situ
Apr17	Torpoint	1 x British 29mm Anti-tank HE spigot mortar.	Dem in Situ
Apr17	Wadebridge	1 x Flame/float marker No1 MK5	Dem in Situ
Apr17	Camelford	Non-Ordnance	N/A
Apr17	Woolacombe	M1A1 Anti-tank mine	Dem in Situ
Apr17	Paignton	2x Sets det leads	Picked up (RTU)
Apr17	SX5	1x 2" smoke mortar 1x Smoke grenade	Dem in Situ
Apr17	William Prince Road	Non-Ordnance	N/A
Apr17	Chagford	1x Mills Grenade (Inert)	Picked up (RTU)
Apr17	Ivybridge	835x 7.62mm rounds 20kg black powder	Recovered for disposal at a later date.
Apr17	Ynyslas beach	1x 2" Mortar 1x 25lb Projectile	Dem in Situ
Apr17	Truro	Non-ordnance	N/A
Apr17	Exeter	Non-ordnance	N/A
Apr17	Penzance	Air dropped practice bomb (Inert)	Picked up (RTU)
Apr17	Trevillick	Non-ordnance	N/A
Apr17	Woodbury common	Non-ordnance	N/A
May17	Torpoint	Large fireworks	Recovered for disposal at a later date.
May17	RNAS Cudrose	3x Flame/Float marker Shotgun carts Small arms ammo 1x TEP	Dem in Situ
May17	Helston	1x 17 th Century grenade	Picked Up (RTU)
May17	Plympton Police station	Non-ordnance	N/A
May17	Bridport	Marine research buoy	N/A
May17	RNAS Cudrose	N2 Mk4 Submarine smoke marker	Dem in Situ
May17	Whitsand bay	2x Mk 216 MOD 1 charge distraction	Dem in Situ
May17	Lulworth	1x 2" projectile (solid shot)	Picked up (RTU)
May17	Kingsbridge	1x Mills Grenade (Inert)	Picked Up (RTU)
May17	Liskeard	1x Mills Grenade	Dem in Situ
May17	Falmouth	1 x MK 25 Marine Pyrotechnic	Dem in Situ
May17	Plymouth	3x Smoke grenades	Recovered for disposal at later date
Jun17	Prussia Cove Road	1 x MK 25 Marine Pyrotechnic	Dem in Situ
Jun17	Kingsbridge Police Station	1x TEP Flare	Recovered for disposal at a later date
Jun17	Kingsbridge Police Station	1x pack of TEP Flares 18x shotgun carts	Recovered for disposal at a later date
Jun17	Dartmoor	2x 81mm Carrier mortars 3x solid shot projectiles 2x rocket motors	Recovered for disposal at a later date
Jun17	Torquay Police Station	1x commercial detonator	Recovered for disposal at a later date
Jun17	Brixham	1x 20mm AA round	Recovered for disposal at a later date
Jun17	Torquay	5x TEP	Recovered for disposal at

			a later date
Jun17	Perranporth	1x 2" smoke mortar	Recovered for disposal at a later date
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Jun17	Watergate Bay	1x Flame/ Float marker N2 Mk4	Dem in Situ
Jul17	Falmouth	Non-ordnance	N/A
Jul17	Okehampton	1x51mHinckley smoke mortar (Inert)	Recovered for disposal at a later date
Jul17	Goran Haven	1x mk25 marine projectile	Dem in Situ
Jul17	Instow beach	1x ammo crate	Dem in Situ
Jul17	Padstow	1x Man over board smoke marker	Dem in Situ
Jul17	Brixham	4x Solid shot projectiles 2x 20mm rounds	Dem in Situ
Aug17	Lyme Regis	Non-Ordnance	N/a
Aug17	Hinkley point	1x 250lb ADW	Dem in Situ
Aug17	Ynyslas beach	1x 3" mattress rocket	Dem in Situ
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Aug17	Exmouth	1x Smoke grenade	Dem in Situ
Aug17	Hinkley Point Power Station	1x 250lb ADW	Demi in Situ
Aug17	Ynyslas beach	Non-ordnance	N/A
Aug17	Winkleigh airfield	1x 2" smoke mortar	Dem in Situ
Aug17	Plymouth	Non-ordnance	N/A
Aug17	Honiton	1x Mills grenade	Dem in Situ
Aug17	Torpoint	Non-ordnance	N/A
Aug17	Hinkley Point Power Station	1x 250lb ADW	Dem in Situ
Sept17	Hinkley Point Power Station	1x 250lb ADW	Dem in Situ
Sept17	Pelynt	1x Solid shot	Picked Up (RTU)
Sept17	Penzance	2x cannon balls	Picked Up (RTU)
Sept17	Hinkley Point Power Station	1x 250lb ADW	Dem in Situ
Sept17	Dartmouth	Non ordnance	N/A
Sept17	Derriford Nursery	1x 3" shell	Picked Up (RTU)
Sept17	Par sands	1x marine marker mk 58	Dem in Situ
Sept17	Hinkley point power station	1x 250lb ADW	Dem in Situ
Sept17	Seymour Road	1x 4" Solid shot projectile	Picked up (RTU)
Sept17	Hinkley point power station	1x 250lb ADW	Dem in Situ
Sept17	Torquay police station	1x German grenade model 39 (Inert)	Picked up (RTU)

Please note acronyms used

ADW – Area Defence Weapon
Dem In Situ – Demolished in Situation
EOC – Explosive Ordnance Clearance
MOD - Modification
RTU – Return to Unit
TEP – Time Expired Pyrotechnic