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Dear [Redacted]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 September 2017 requesting the following information:

- How often does Gibraltar have the visit of nuclear propulsion submarines in the last 5 years? An Spanish source is telling us a total amount of 25, counting the American ones, but we need your exact number.*
- Is there an specific report or file about the works of reparations that Tireless Submarine suffered back in 2000?*
- Is there a standard emergency plan in case of an accident that would concern Gibraltar?*

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 Department holds some information in scope of your request. In answer to your first question, the number of visits to Gibraltar by UK/US submarines between 2012 and 2017 is detailed in the table below:

Year	UK visits	Days	US visits	Days
2013	6	38	0	0
2014	5	31	0	0
2015	8	50	0	0
2016	4	19	0	0
2017	1	8	0	0

In response to your second question, the Ministry of Defence does not hold a specific report or file on the repair works received by HMS Tireless in 2000.

With regard to your third question, the Ministry of Defence does not hold a standard emergency plan, however, under Section 16 –Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance – of the Act, you may find it useful to know that the Gibraltar Nuclear Safety Orders (GIBNUSAFE) is the Nuclear Operator's Emergency Plan which is issued in accordance with the Gibraltar Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Public Information Regulations (REPPIR). A copy of the plan can be found at the link below:

<http://environmental-agency.gi/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/RadiationEmergencyResponsePlan-1.pdf>

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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

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