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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 26 July 2018 in which you requested the following information:

'With regards to the current range of uniform worn by the service, what amendments to the current uniforms are the clothing committee currently looking at making with regards to those worn by sailors. Are there any plans at bringing out a more lightweight uniform, given that some UK months are now hotter than countries where "Tropical" Uniform would be routinely worn?

Why has the service decided to withdraw the general issue of MTP PCS to personnel within Royal Marines units? Surely this would effect unit cohesion with the RN members standing out from the RM?

When is the general issue of RN PCS uniform to the Sea Cadets Corps (and wider Naval cadet organisations) expected to start?'

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

I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held by the Department and taking your questions in turn:

Q1. Are there any plans at bringing out a more lightweight uniform, given that some UK months are now hotter than countries where "Tropical" Uniform would be routinely worn?

A1. A review into the daily working uniform is underway and options for a lightweight uniform are being investigated.

Q2. Why has the service decided to withdraw the general issue of MTP PCS to personnel within Royal Marines units? Surely this would effect unit cohesion with the RN members standing out from the RM?

A2. Second Sea Lord has directed that all Royal Navy (RN) Personnel are to wear blue Royal Navy Personal Clothing System as daily working rig. This is to help promote the Royal Navy brand, and ensure RN personnel are identified as such. Unit cohesion is more about leadership than the uniform worn.

Q3. When is the general issue of RN PCS uniform to the Sea Cadets Corps (and wider Naval cadet organisations) expected to start?

A3. A date for general issue of RNPCS to Sea Cadet Corps cannot currently be provided.

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Yours sincerely

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