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Via [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 23 April 2018 in which you requested the following information:

1. 'How many injuries have been sustained aboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth by a) Royal Navy Crew b) officers c) civilian contractors since sea trials began?
2. Can you provide a breakdown of the types of injuries by a) Royal Navy Crew b) officers c) civilian contractors since sea trials began?
3. How many a) compensation claims have been logged b) been paid out (please include legal fees too) since sea trials began?'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. In response to your first question, for the number of injuries sustained in HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH during her sea trials for Officers, Ratings (RN Crew) and contractors, the following information is known from the records held in Navy Command Headquarters:

Details of Injuries Sustained in HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH During Sea Trials

Employee Type	Number of Injuries
Royal Navy Officer	~
Royal Navy Rating	10
Civilian Contractor	~

Note: In line with disclosure control policy, data have been rounded to the nearest 5. Values of 5 and below are represented by "~".

With regard to your second question, the Department feels that information in scope of this part of your request falls within the exemption at Section 40(2) (Personal Data) of the FOI Act. After careful consideration and for the reasons set out below, it is concluded that that the MOD has no obligation under the Act to disclose this information.

Section 40(2) of the FOI Act applies to personal data relating to third parties. The release of personal information relating to other individuals would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998, namely Principle 1 – personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and not unless specified conditions are met – and Principle 2 – personal data shall be obtained and processed only for the specified and lawful purposes and not further processed in a manner incompatible with the purposes.

It is considered that release of the information in response to question two of your request into the public domain could result in individuals being identified. We are not obliged to comply with a request where such a response would disclose information relating to another individual who can be identified from that information. I am able to tell you, however, that the types of injury included slips and falls and impact injuries.

With regard to your third question, the Department has no record of any personal injury compensation claims being logged regarding incidents onboard HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH since sea trials began.

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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