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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Further to our correspondence of 24 October 2019, I am now able to provide you with a substantive response to your request for the following information:

'What current plans are there for the replacement of HMS Scott?'

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

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. Work is underway to understand current and future requirements and how they will be delivered after HMS SCOTT leaves service. This work is still under development and a decision has yet to be made.

Under Section 16 (Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, in view of the nature of your request, you may find the 30 year Shipbuilding Plan of interest. It is available via the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/643873/NationalShipbuildingStrategy_lowres.pdf

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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