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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 January 2019 in which you requested the following information:

'Under your statutory duty to provide me with information about Human Health and Safety, please can you provide me with:

- 1- The total number of stowaways found trying to gain access to the port for each of the last 4 calendar years (including 2018)?
- 2- The total number of stowaways found on cargo ships for each of the last 4 calendar years (including 2018)?
- 3- The total number of stowaways found in sea containers for each of the of the last 4 calendar years (including 2018)?'

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

A search for the information has now been completed and I can confirm that there has been no recorded incident of stowaways being found onboard vessels using Ministry of Defence (MOD) berths or anchorages within the last four years.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, you should be advised that the Queen's Harbour Master does not hold information on commercial vessels using non-MOD facilities within the port of Portsmouth or Plymouth. You may be able to request this information from the Border Force or individual facility operators.

The contact details for the Border Force can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/border-force>

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](mailto: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