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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 November 2019 in which you requested the following information:

'Thank you for your reply to FOI 2019/12314.

Can I clarify:

Red (Crash and Salvage party) - is this an Air Engineering Artificer?

Red with White Stripe stencilled ASP (FDK Assault Guides) - which specific branch is this?

White stencilled with squadron no (Aircraft maintenance managers and duty crew) - are these an Air Engineering Mechanic (Mechanical)?

White with Black Stripe (FDK Badgers) - which specific branch is this? Are they in charge of refuelling all aircraft?'

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 within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The answers to your questions can be found detailed within the attached Annex to this letter.

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

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

Q1. Red (Crash and Salvage party) - is this an Air Engineering Artificer?

No – the crash and salvage party are made up of Air Engineering Technicians. You may find it useful to know that the Fleet Air Arm stopped recruiting Air Engineering Artificers in 2004.

Q2. Red with White Stripe stencilled ASP (FDK Assault Guides) - which specific branch is this?

Assault Guides (AG) – Predominantly these come from across the Ships Company (whole ship contribution/ commitment), with the Survival Equipment Technician (SET) trade taking the lead.

Q3. White stencilled with squadron no (Aircraft maintenance managers and duty crew) - are these an Air Engineering Mechanic (Mechanical)?

No - These will be Air Engineering Technicians or Air Engineering Officers.

Q4. White with Black Stripe (FDK Badgers) - which specific branch is this? Are they in charge of refuelling all aircraft?

Marine Engineering Technicians - they are responsible for the delivery of fuel to the aircraft. The refuelling operation is conducted by Air Engineering Technicians.

