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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 27 February 2020 requesting the following information:

"I would like to request the following information under the freedom of Information Act.

- *A list of project and programmes (Business Change / Transformation/ Digital/ Data/Technology).*
- *A List of the key deliverables/outputs for all project and Programmes (Business Change / Transformation/ Digital/ Data/Technology).*
- *A List of SROs for project and programmes (Business Change / Transformation/ Digital/ Data/Technology).*
- *The timelines and stage of delivery (Project stage) for all project and programme (Business Change / Transformation/ Digital/ Data/Technology), including delivery status.*
- *Current Organisation charts / Organograms for IT, Change & Transformation, Operations and digital data and technology Teams"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the UKHO, and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in Annex A below, Attachment - Item A (*Project & Programmes List*) and Attachment - Item B (*IT, Change & Transformation, Operations and digital data and technology Teams Org Chart*). However, some of the information falls entirely within scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Sections 40 (Personal Data), and some of the information falls within scope of the qualified exemption provided for at section 26(1) (Defence) and Section 43(2) (Commercial interests) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Section 26 (Defence) is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

In this instance, the balance of the public interest test found that it would be detrimental to the capability, effectiveness and security of relevant forces to release information related to defence projects and programmes.

Section 43(2) (Commercial interests) is also a qualified exemption and in this instance, the information requested is classed as commercially sensitive. Disclosure of the information would therefore be likely to prejudice UK Hydrographic Office's commercial interests.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

UKHO Secretariat

Annex A:

- A list of project and programmes (Business Change / Transformation/ Digital/ Data/Technology).
See attachment - Item A
Some information is withheld under Section 26 (Defence)
- A List of the key deliverables/outputs for all project and Programmes (Business Change / Transformation/ Digital/ Data/Technology).
See attachment - Item A
- A List of SROs for project and programmes (Business Change / Transformation/ Digital/ Data/Technology).
Our senior management team are the SROs for projects within their areas. The senior management team can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-hydrographic-office>
- The timelines and stage of delivery (Project stage) for all project and programme (Business Change / Transformation/ Digital/ Data/Technology), including delivery status.
Stage of delivery: see attachment - Item A
Some information is withheld under Section 43(2) (Commercial interests)
- Current Organisation charts / Organograms for IT, Change & Transformation, Operations and digital data and technology Teams
See attachment - Item B
Some information is withheld under Section 40(2)