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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 10 November 2020 requesting the following information:

“The number of reported accidents and health and safety incidents in each of the last five years at the BAE Systems shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness”

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 Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held.

Between 24 November 2015 to 24 November 2020 there were **54** incidents reported at the BAE Systems shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness within the MOD Health and Safety Systems.

Table 1: Number of incidents recorded through the MOD Health and Safety systems, by year¹
24 November 2015 to 24 November 2020

Year	Health and Safety Incidents
All	54
2015 ¹	1
2016	0
2017	15
2018	9
2019	12
2020 ²	17

Source: AINC, NLIMS, AIRS, UK Strategic Command, DE&S, DIO, HOCS

¹ from 24 November 2015

² to 24 November 2020

Under Section 16 of the act (Advice and Assistance), it may be helpful to note the following:

Please note, this number will reflect the **minimum** number of safety incidents reported for this time period due to health and safety reporting requirements. The responsibility for safety at the BAE Shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness lies with the BAE contractor. Therefore, responsibility for collating this information is with BAE. Any information held by BAE and not reported through MOD systems is not held by MOD and therefore could not be included in this response.

All incidents reported to MOD systems have been included. These include injuries to personnel and near misses. Injuries could include anything from a paper cut to a fracture. Near misses are events not causing harm, but have the potential to cause death, injury, damage or ill health, but which was avoided by circumstance or through timely intervention. These could include things such as trip hazards or missed health and safety signs.

A search was conducted on the MOD Health and Safety datasets using key words to identify incidents; BAE, Shipyard, Barrow in Furness and submarine names which would have been in-build at the shipyard for the date period specified. These were manually reviewed to confirm the location.

For more information on Health and Safety Incidents, please see the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/defence-personnel-health-and-safety-statistics-financial-year-201819>

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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