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Dear ██████████,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 September 2020 in which you confirmed that you required the following information:

- 1) Who has replaced ██████████ as Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Submarines and Rear Admiral Submarines?
- 2) Does the post of Naval Assistant (NA) /Naval Assistant to the Naval Secretary still exist?
- 3) Do the following appointments still exist separately a) Commander Portsmouth Naval Base b) Commander Devonport Naval Base c) Commander Clyde/Faslane Naval Base or have they been combined?
- 4) Does the post of Director, Ships Support Transformation still exist and does the holder also hold the title of Chief Naval Engineer?
- 5) Do the following appointments a) Senior Responsible Owner for Type 26, Type 31e and Future Solid Support Ships, b) Assistant Chief of Staff Ships (ACOS Ships) and c) Programme Director, Ship Acquisition still exist?
- 6) Who has replaced ██████████ as Head of People Strategy/Personal Speechwriter for First Sea Lord? I understand from FOI2020/07654 ██████████ ██████████ is now Head Strategy & NEM Programme Manager/Head People Strategy, at Head Office and Corporate Services.'

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

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In response to part one of your request, I can advise you that the role of Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland remains vacant and, where appropriate, the responsibilities of the position have been assigned to other Senior Officers of the Royal Navy.

In response to part two of your request, I can confirm the post of Naval Assistant still exists and is occupied by [REDACTED] Royal Navy.

In response to part three of your request, I can confirm that the roles of Naval Base Commander in Portsmouth, Clyde and Devonport still exist.

In response to part four of your request, I can confirm that the post of Director Ships Support Transformation still exists and is occupied by [REDACTED] Royal Navy, who is also the Chief Naval Engineer.

In response to part five of your request, I can advise you that the role of Programme Director, Ships Acquisition has been renamed as Director Navy Acquisition and is held by [REDACTED] Royal Navy, who is also appointed as Senior Responsible Owner for the Type 26, Type 31 and Fleet Solid Support Ships. The responsibilities of the role of Assistant Chief of Staff Ships have been divided and subsumed into other roles as part of the Transformation and Navy Command Headquarters Review.

In response to part six of your request; I can confirm, in accordance with the Department's response to FOI2020/07654, [REDACTED] is Head Strategy & NEM Programme Manager/Head People Strategy in Head Office and Corporate Services. There is no post titled Head of People Strategy/Personal Speechwriter for First Sea Lord.

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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