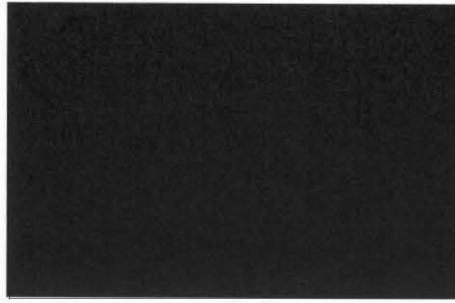




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Dear ,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 January 2021 in which requested the following information:

'In the light of the proposed relocation of the sub marine fleet to Faslane please advise if there has been any survey carried out amongst the submariner community to establish how many submariner households have either agreed to relocate to the Helensburgh area or are interested in relocating to the Helensburgh area ?'

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 your request, I can advise you that no formal surveys were conducted concerning the relocation of the submarine fleet to Faslane, however, there were two voluntary questionnaires distributed for completion throughout the submarine cadre in late 2016 and mid-2017.

The purpose of the voluntary questionnaires was to establish the housing requirements of the submarine communities in Devonport and Barrow-in-Furness to inform the transition to HM Naval Base Clyde. Of the personnel assigned to organisations that were sent the questionnaires, there was a return rate of 33% and 38% from the 2016 and 2017 questionnaires respectively. From those return rates, 7% and 8% stated their intention to move to Faslane.

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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