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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 July 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your response to my FOI request.

Your response suggests that I should contact your office in the first instance if I have any questions relating to the content of your reply.

Accordingly, would you be able to clarify with respect to the five colours for HMS TAMAR listed in your response which one of these, if any, relates to the colour used for the ship's external deck surfaces?

My understanding is that HMS TAMAR's "dazzle" scheme uses four colours for her vertical surfaces. As your response lists five colours, my assumption is that it is Dark Weather Work Grey (BS381C 677) that is used for her weatherdecks. However, as I had previously understood that BSC381C 640 (Extra Dark Sea Grey) was currently used for RN surface vessel weatherdecks, I am a little unsure of the correct position. I should therefore be grateful for your clarification.'

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

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

In response to the first part of your request, it may help if I explain that the dazzle paint scheme on the vertical sides of HMS TAMAR contains five colours as per the table in our previous response to FOI2021/05892.

With regard to the final part of your request, I can tell you that the colour used for weather decks on Royal Navy vessels is Extra Dark Sea Grey – reference BS381C 640.

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