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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 September 2021 in which you requested the following information:

- '1) How many male Navy personnel have received a disciplinary sanction for entering into a female-only area of a Navy vessel in each of the last two financial years (2019/20) and (2020/21)?
- 2) How many of these incidents took place on submarines?
- 3) In each year what was the nature of the most severe punishment imposed on personnel who were sanctioned for breaking this provision?'

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

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) using the term 'female accommodation' and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The search conducted on the Joint Personnel Administration System using the words "female accommodation" produced five results for the period in question broken down by Financial Year as follows:

Financial Year	Number of Incidents
2019/20	~
2020/21	~
Total	5

Source: Navy Discipline

1. Figures fewer than 5 are represented by '~'

I can confirm that of the five results, the number that took place on a Royal Navy Submarine was nil.

In all five incidents, the charge of 'Contravention of Standing Orders contrary of section 13(1) of the Armed Forces Act 2006' was applied and the punishments imposed ranged from stoppage of leave, stoppage of pay and restriction of privileges.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the Act, it may help if I explain there is no specific offence of entering a female-only area.

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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