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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 September 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'Please could you provide me with a breakdown of current Navy submarine staff by sex, officer and non-officers, and ethnic breakdown while being sure to break ethnicity down by its constituent parts Eg, black, mixed race, white, etc.'

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. The information to answer all parts of your request can be found at Annex A to this letter.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

ANNEX A
to FOI2021/10372
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Table 1. Trained and Untrained Regular Royal Navy Submariners, by Ethnicity as at 1 July 2021:

	Officers		Ratings		Total	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Total	1046		3946		4992	
BAME	20	2.0%	110	2.9%	134	2.7%
<i>Mixed</i>	10		50		59	
<i>Asian</i>	10		20		30	
<i>Black</i>	~		30		33	
<i>Other</i>	~		10		12	
White	1020	98.0%	3800	97.1%	4818	97.3%
Unknown	~	*	40	*	40	*

Source: Analysis(Navy)

1. Figures 5 or fewer are represented by '~'
2. Figures for BAME, White and Unknown Officers and Ratings have been rounded to the nearest ten to prevent identification of personnel where there are small numbers
3. Percentages of BAME and White personnel have been calculated using totals excluding those with unknown ethnicity.
4. Ethnicity data is self-reported on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system. Any percentages or figures quoted within this report relate to those with a known ethnicity or nationality as reported on JPA.
5. Mixed includes Mixed Asian and White, Mixed Black African and White, Mixed Black Caribbean and White and Other Mixed Ethnic Background. Asian includes Any Chinese Background, Asian Bangladeshi, Asian Indian, Asian Pakistani and Other Asian Background. Black includes Black African, Black Caribbean and Other Black Background. Other includes Arab and Other Ethnic Background.

Table 2. Trained and Untrained Regular Royal Navy Submariners, by Gender as at 1 July 2021:

	Officers		Ratings		Total	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Total	1046		3946		4992	
Male	1016	97.1%	3822	96.9%	4838	96.9%
Female	30	2.9%	124	3.1%	154	3.1%

Source: Analysis(Navy)

