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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 November 2021 in which you requested the following information:

1. In the period between 1st January 2000 and date of this request 24th November 2021, how many individuals have been awarded Royal Navy honorary submariner dolphins?
2. What is the criteria for awarding honorary submariner dolphins and what due diligence is conducted to ensure the recipient is worthy?
3. Please provide a list of individuals awarded honorary submariner dolphins.
4. What claims are the recipients of honorary submariner dolphins allowed to make and when can they be worn?

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 your request, I should advise you that the Royal Navy Submarine Service does not award honorary submarine dolphins. The only exception to this is HRH Duke of Cambridge in his role as 'Commodore of the Submarine Service'.

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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