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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 October 2022, in which you requested the following information:

'I am writing a paper on the coping strategies used by submariners spouses during their partners deployment, and I'm struggling to find statistics on how many submariners there are currently serving in the RN. Do you also have any statistics on how many of those are married or divorced?'

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 and 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](mailto: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

**Table 1. Trained Regular Submariners as at 1 July 2022, by Substantive Rank:**

Substantive Rank		
<b>Total</b>		<b>4152</b>
<b>Total Other Ranks</b>		<b>3302</b>
OR-2	Able Rating	1176
OR-4	Leading Hand	926
OR-6	Petty Officer	567
OR-7	Chief Petty Officer	392
OR-8	Warrant Officer 2	88
OR-9	Warrant Officer 1	153
<b>Total Officers</b>		<b>850</b>
OF-1	Sub-Lieutenant	17
OF-2	Lieutenant	368
OF-3	Lt-Commander	259
OF-4	Commander	143
OF-5	Captain	40
OF-6	Commodore	16
OF-7	Rear-Admiral	6
OF-8	Vice-Admiral	1

Source: Analysis (Navy)

**Table 2. Regular Submariners by Marital Status as at 10 October 2022, by Rank:**

Marital Status Code	1	1C	1S	3	4	5S
<b>Total</b>	<b>1707</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>
Other Ranks	1175	12	17	126	11	12
Officers	532	7	17	27	3	15

Source: People and Training Directorate

1. Figures in Table 2 do not include Submariners with no marital status or those in PStat Category 2.
2. Explanations of each status code are outlined below.

PStat Cat1. Those in PStat Cat 1 will meet one of the following qualifying criteria:

(1) A legally married member of the Services, who live with their spouse, or who would do so but for the exigencies of the Services. (2) A member of the Services, who is registered in a civil partnership in accordance with the Civil Partnership Act 2004, or is in a civil partnership under an overseas scheme recognised under that Act, and who lives with their registered civil partner, or who would do so but for the exigencies of the Services.

PStat Cat 2. Those in PStat Cat 2 will meet one of the following qualifying criteria:

(1) A member of the Services who has parental responsibility within the terms of the Children Act 1989 for a child/children and who satisfies all of the following conditions: (a) Can properly be regarded as the centre and prime mover in the life of the child/children. (b) Provides a home where they normally live with the child/children except where unable to do so for reasons attributable to

their service in the Services. (c) Provides, where the child/children is unable to care for itself, a child carer who can look after the child/children during their absences attributable to their service in the Services. The child carer must not be the other natural parent of the child/children. The other natural parent should normally only have staying access to the child/children for an aggregate of 56 days in any 12 month period. Staying access greater than this may render the Service person ineligible for PStat Cat 2 (these restrictions on access do not apply while on recognised Unaccompanied Duty). (d) Accepts financial responsibility for the child/children.

PStat Cat 3. A member of the Services who is not in PStat Cat 1 or 2 and who provides financial support to their spouse or former spouse, civil partner or former civil partner, or child/children by voluntary agreement. In this case, voluntary agreement means financial support provided other than pursuant to an order made by a court, a Child Support Agency Maintenance Assessment, or the MoD under the relevant Service Act.

PStat Cat 4. A member of the Services who is not in PStat Cat 1 or 2 and who provides financial support for their spouse or former spouse, civil partner or former civil partner or child/children under an order made by a court, a Child Support Agency Maintenance Assessment, or the MoD under the relevant Service Act.

PStat Cat 5. All other members of the Services