



DE&S Policy Secretariat

#2043 Maple 0
MOD Abbey Wood
Bristol BS34 8JH

DESSEC-PolSecShipsandSubs@mod.uk



Fred Dawson

request-44707-07f51a16 @whatdotheyknow.com

Our Reference:
124643-003

Date:
15 September 2010

Dear Mr Dawson,

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 15 August 2010 asking for copy of the Safety Improvement Notice the Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator (DNSR) issued on 22 April 2010 relating to the failure to remove hull test blanks on HMS TIRELESS and HMS TURBULENT. This is considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

I can confirm that we hold the information you requested; a copy of the Safety Improvement Notice is therefore enclosed. A small amount of information is being withheld under absolute exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the FOI Act, so the document has been redacted to reflect this.

You may be interested to know that DNSR has lifted the Safety Improvement Notice, and has accepted that the addressees have responded appropriately in terms of process revision to address its specific requirements.

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting. Any other reuse, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder. Most documents supplied by the Ministry of Defence will have been produced by government officials and will be Crown Copyright. You can find details on the arrangements for re-using Crown Copyright from the Office of Public Sector Information at: <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/click-use/index.htm>.

Information you receive which is not subject to Crown Copyright continues to be protected by the copyright of the person, or organisation, from which the information originated. You must ensure that you gain their permission before reproducing any third party (non Crown Copyright) information.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

DE&S Policy Secretariat