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Mr W P Dawson Your Reference:

Date: 19 October 2012

Dear Mr Dawson

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<u>REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000</u>

Thank you for your email of 28th August 2012 in which you requested information about:

"letters and emails between MOD Officials and the Union Prospect concerning the loss of specialist capabilities needed to support the nuclear propulsion programme and the Frame work Agreement Technical Services for the period January 2012 to June 2012."

Firstly, we must apologise for the length of time it has taken to respond to you on this occasion. This is due to the length of time it has taken to assess which division within the MOD would hold such information.

We are now writing to advise you that, following an excessive search of our records and detailed liaison with other divisions, we have established that the information you requested is not held by the MOD.

If you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then please contact this office in the first instance by post or e-mail. Should you still be dissatisfied then you may apply for an internal review by contacting Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail xxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xx).

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

DSEA-Secretariat Group