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Our Reference:
11-07-2013-113118-002

Date: 12 July 2013

Dear Mr Whyte,

Thank you for your email of 11 July 2013 requesting the following information:

'In 1968 Rosyth Naval Dockyard started servicing and refuelling nuclear powered submarines. Blood samples were taken from 197 male workers, starting in 1968 for a ten year period. It was noted there was a significant increase in chromosome damage and the level of chromosome damage increased as the dose level increased. These tests were conducted by H. Evans.'

- 1. Can you please supply any information you have on the steps taken to ensure chromosome damage was kept to the minimum?***
- 2. What follow up treatment, if any, was prescribed for those affected?***
- 3. Are similar tests still being conducted on Rosyth Naval Dockyard Workers working on nuclear submarines? If not, have you any information stating why these tests were suspended.***
- 4. Are similar tests being conducted on Submariners based in nuclear submarines? If not, have you any information why this is the case.'***

Your request is being dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act and will be answered within twenty working days. We will, therefore, write to you again by 8 August 2013 with either a substantive response or an update on your request.

If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please remember to quote reference number 11-07-2013-113118-002 in any future correspondence.

Regards,

DE&S Policy Secretariat