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Dear Mr Dawson,

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2012 requesting the following information:

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.

I am writing to advise you that we are still working to identify the information that falls within the scope of your request. I estimate that it will take a further 20 working days to identify this information, so I will write to you again no later than 23 October 2012. Please accept my apologies for the delay, and for not providing a response within the 20 working days set out in the FOI Act.

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, 2nd 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,

The Ships and Submarines Team

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