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Dear Mr Dawson

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

I am writing to provide you with an update on your request for the annual reports from the Defence Nuclear and Environment Safety Board to the Defence Environment and Safety Board for the years 2006-7, 2007-8 and 2008-9.

As you will be aware from my earlier letters, qualified exemptions S24 (National Security), S26 (Defence), S27 (International Relations) and S35 (Formulation of Government Policy) of the FOI Act are believed to apply to the information that you have requested. These qualified exemptions are subject to the application of a balance of public interest test.

Unfortunately, this work remains ongoing, which means that it is still not possible to provide you with a response on your request. We will try to conclude it as soon as possible, as we appreciate that it is a number of months since you originally submitted your request. I will write to you again within 20 working days, by no later than by 25 October 2010.

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, www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

The Ships and Submarines Team