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**Mr Peter King**

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Dear Mr King

I refer to your questions of 2 August 2018, seeking clarification of my response dated 31 July 2018.

As a consequence of the disposal schedule for 5 Squadron documents, readily retrievable reports containing the information you have requested no longer exist. Reports that may have existed of submarine contacts, including those between 1998 and 2010, have been destroyed. Some information may still exist that notes the sighting, or suspected identification, of a submarine outside of exercises. This may be noted in a log, for example, but may not contain the specific information you have requested (being latitude, longitude, detection status, etc). This information cannot be provided as it would require a substantial research and collation effort.

As I stated in my reply to you of 31 July 2018, there has been no requirement to record or collate submarine detections outside of exercises since the beginning of Financial Year 2010/11.

You retain the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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