

Memorandum

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To: **Anita McDonald** Naval Service FOI Coordination Cell M3185-A27
From: **John H Large** 17 December 2009
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Subject: **LARGE & ASSOCIATES FOI REQUESTS MoD**

Thank you for your letters of 14 December 2009 (19-11-2009-094824-001 and 23-11-2009-14-617-003) and 17 December (23-11-2009-141400-001). Also, thank you for listing the outstanding FoI requests which includes Items 2) and 3) of M3185-A22 of 19 November that have now been discharged.

First, I must express the disappointment of SCANS that Cdr Dabell chose not to respond directly himself to my request of 16 November (M3185-A19), particularly when he had personally undertaken to do so at the public meeting of 4 November 2009.

Second, since you have not notified me that a public interest test is being applied to justify a qualified exemption for the outstanding items 1) of M3185-A22 of 19 November, am I to expect a final and complete response on this item by close of business today, which I calculate to be 1 day in excess of the 20 working day limit provided for in the Act?

Referring to your response (23-11-2009-141400-001) on item 3) of M3185-A22, because you have not stated otherwise I shall assume that the 18mSv alarm preset applies to the accumulative dose related *Absorbed Dose* (and not the air *KERMA*) based on a Cs¹³⁷ exposure and that, the *Dose Rate* (mSv.hr⁻¹) alarm function of the SAIC PD2i dosimeter is disabled on the Grab Bag issue dosimeters?ⁱ

ⁱ I assume that the alarm settings for the Grab Bag SAIC PD2i personal dosimeter are not the same as for submarine issue SAIC PD2i which I understand to be as follows:

Dose Rate Alarm @ 12 mSv.hr⁻¹
Accumulative Dose Alarm @ 1.1 mSv