

Memorandum

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From: **John H Large** 4 March 2010

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Subject: **SOTONSAFE – FOI REQUESTS – REQUEST FOR AN INTERNAL REVIEW**

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 March 2010 confirming that the Ministry of Defence will undertake an Internal Review of my complaint as set out by my memorandum M3185-A42 of 23 February 2010. I have attached a copy of your e-mail to this memorandum for ease of reference.

Whereas I am appreciative that MoD will now proceed to investigate the matter I am, particularly in view that the basis of my complaint is with the quite extraordinary delays incurred in responding to my quite proper requests, astonished to learn that you now require a further 40 working days to undertake and report on the Internal Review.

However, even though I have to admit to my imperturbability being somewhat challenged by this, I will forbear further until you report back to me, hopefully sometime in the not too distant future.

Dear Mr Large

[Your reference: M3185-A42 dated 23 February 2010](#)

Your email below with Memorandum has been forwarded to the MOD Internal Review team by the MOD FOI Operations team.

The Head of Corporate Information has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your memo in which you have asked for an internal review of your requests for information, dealt with initially by Fleet and then by Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S), Gareth Rowlands, under the Freedom of Information Act.

In this instance, it has been agreed that we will conduct an internal review on the handling only element of your FOI requests, as you have not as yet received a substantive response. The MOD references quoted in your memo M3185-A42 (191131-994 & 142852-001) could not be traced but I believe they are as follows:

02-11-2009-101131-004 (now 17-12-2009-112531-002)
A copy of the MOD/DSTL/Naval Regulator response under Item 41.

09-12-2009-143852-002
A copy of DNSR letter to Navy Command - DNSR/20/17 29 July 2008 - Operational Berths Safety Statement - DNSR Review.

The Head of Corporate Information currently aims to complete internal reviews within 40 working days of receipt of the application. Your request for an internal review was received here on 23 February 2010. We therefore aim to complete the review and respond to you by 22 April 2010. The review will involve a full and independent review of the handling of the cases.

Regards
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