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Dear Mr Luke

I refer to your request of 6 August 2019, made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), further to the response of 17 January 2018 (reference OIA-2017-2923), for the following:

In the response I noted you said "Honorary Captains are invited to attend different events throughout the year, dependant on their personal background and preferences, and have been speakers at different events. It is intended that the scheme will continue, and after a review in 2017, more appointments will be considered in 2018. While in the past the role has been focussed on recognition at the end of a period of exceptional support, this may not always be the case as the Navy may choose to use the scheme to recognise the people who make an ongoing contribution to the organisation from their expertise."

I would like to know if there are more new appointments been made in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Also, I would like to know the outcome of 2017 review and any relevant documents associated with this review.

Honorary Captain Andrew Leechman was appointed on 21 June 2017. No further appointments have been made.

The review efforts undertaken in 2017, as referred to in the response of 17 January 2018, sought to update Naval Staff corporate knowledge on Honorary Captains, and re-establish connections with appointed individuals. As such, this staff work did not follow a formal structure or result in reporting documentation. It produced an up-to-date electronic record on the individuals appointed to the honorary rank of Captain. These electronic records consist primarily of personal information and are therefore withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, for the protection of privacy.

You have 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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