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Dear Kevan,

In my answer to your Parliamentary Question of 3 September 2021 (Official Record 8 September), I committed to write to you with further detail regarding the proportion of planned maintenance periods for Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) vessels that were completed later than scheduled between 2017 and 2018.

For RN and RFA surface vessels, eleven planned upkeep projects were completed between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2018. Four of these projects were completed within the scheduled maintenance period, four projects were completed within fourteen days of the scheduled maintenance period and the remaining three projects were completed within 3 months of the scheduled maintenance period.

Those instances where the projects were not completed within the scheduled maintenance period were as a result of the scale of work required only becoming evident when the upkeep period commenced.

As you will be aware, I am unable to disclose operational information about Royal Navy submarines, as to do so would, or would be likely to, prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of the Armed Forces.

While this information goes beyond what you requested in your parliamentary question I thought a snapshot from prior to the pandemic may be an interesting comparator and I hope it is indeed helpful.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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