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Nuclear-powered Submarines

Mr. Llew Smith: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if the United Kingdom and France have reciprocal rights for their nuclear-powered submarines to use docking facilities in (a) either country and (b) their overseas dependent territories. [63901]

Mr. Spellar: The UK and France do not have any reciprocal rights for their nuclear-powered submarines to use docking facilities in (a) either country and (b) their overseas dependent territories. We do, however, have berthing arrangements for nuclear-powered submarines with a number of countries, including France.