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Mr. Llew Smith : To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will list the current ports allocated to Z-berths for nuclear submarines ; and if he has any plans to alter the list in the future.

Mr. Archie Hamilton : Within the United Kingdom there are Z-berths, including buoys and anchorages, at the following locations : Barrow-in-Furness, Barry, Broadford Bay, Brodick Bay, Campbeltown, Cardiff, Coulport, Dales Voe, Dalgety Bay, Devonport and Plymouth Sound, Faslane, the Firth of Forth, ~~Glen Mallan~~, Holy Loch, Lamlash Bay, Lerwick, Liverpool, Loch Ewe, Loch Fyne, Loch Goil, Loch na Beiste, Loch Striven, Loch Torridon, Portland, Portree, Portsmouth, Raasay, Rosyth, Rothesay, Southampton, Spithead, Thurso Bay and Torbay.

In addition, we have decided to establish a Z-berth at Swansea. The operational requirements for Z-berths are under continuous review but there are no current plans to alter this list.

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Mr. Cohen : To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will list the X and Z berths which may be used by nuclear-powered submarines at which leaflets to local residents as to what to do in a radiation emergency (a) have been issued, (b) will be issued in the near future and (c) are not planned to be issued.

Mr. Hanley : Booklets have been issued to local residents as to what to do in the unlikely event of a radiation emergency at the X-berths at Barrow-in-Furness, Devonport, Faslane and Rosyth and at the Z-berths at Campbeltown and Loch Goil. Arrangements are in hand to issue booklets to residents living within 550 m of the berths at Glen Mallan, Holy Loch and Lerwick in the event of a planned nuclear powered warship visit. There are no plans to issue leaflets to local residents at other Z-berths since no one resides within 550 m of the berth and there is therefore no requirement for issue.