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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

The MOD is now able to make a substantive response to your two enquiries emailed to the MOD on 17<sup>th</sup> July, which requested the following information:

*"can you provide the average yearly cost of operating a ship from the 1) Daring, 2) Duke, 3) Hunt, 4) Sandown, 5) Albion, 6) Ocean, 7) River, 8) Archer, 9) Scimitar 10) Echo, 11) Gleaner, 12) Scott, 13) Endurance, 14) Protector"*

and

*"can you provide the average yearly cost of operating a ship from the 1) Wave, 2) Leaf, 3) Rover, 4) Fort Victoria, 5) Fort Rosalie, 6) Bay, 7) Argus, 8) Diligence classes of Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels for the last complete financial year?"*

These two enquiries, which have been given the same MOD FOI reference number, are being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The MOD holds information regarding your queries and our responses to them are set out below.

A table is attached at Annex A to this letter which gives the annual average cost for each of the class of ships you have requested with the exception of Endurance which is no longer in service, and the costs for Archer (P2000 patrol boat) and Scimitar which are not available. The table of costs derives from the FY13/14 Total Costs by Ship Class divided by the number of Ships in the Class; the assumption made is that all ships are 'Operating' and that none are unavailable due to refit or maintenance..

The following caveats apply to the information provided:

The average annual costs of operating only include those which are directly attributable to the Ship's Unit Identity Numbers e.g. Personnel Costs, Fuel, Port Visits, Travel & Subsistence etc.

The average annual costs of operating do not include:-

- a. Maritime Domain Maintenance Costs
- b. Central Allowances – Appointing Drafting and Leave (allowances), Continuity of Education Allowance etc
- c. Overheads for common services
- d. Support costs for Naval Bases
- e. Support costs from other MoD Top Level Budget areas
- f. Central costs i.e. IT and Communications
- g. Aircraft costs
- h. Training and force generation costs

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact this office in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk) ). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Ship & Class	Average annual operating cost per ship (£M)
T23 (Duke class)	11.735
T45 (Daring class)	14.764
HUNT class	2.762
SANDOWN class	3.020
LPH (Ocean class)	12.345
LPD (Albion class)	23.975
RIVER class	3.449
ECHO class	5.460
GLEANER Coastal Survey Ship	0.555
OCEAN SURVEY Ship (Scott)	4.541
Antarctic Patrol Ship (Protector)	7.413
RFA Tanker(Wave class)	9.183
RFA Spt Tanker Leaf Class (Orangeleaf)	5.677
RFA Small Tanker (Black Rover)	7.227
RFA Auxiliary Oiler and Replenishment Ship (Fort Victoria)	14.325
RFA Solid Support Ship (Fort Austin)	11.776
RFA Landing Ship Dock Auxiliary (Bay Class)	8.170
RFA Primary Casualty Receiving Ship, and Aviation Training (Argus)	8.877
RFA Forward Repair Ship (Diligence)	6.558