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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9th August 2016 requesting the following information:

'Could I please a breakdown of the number of days the Royal Navy's Type 45 destroyers have spent docked in a UK port from April 2015 to April 2016?

As part of this, can you break the results down a ship-by-ship basis and then which ports the destroyers have stayed at?

- *How many days HMS Defender has spent inside a UK port during this time and which ports were they;*
- *How many days HMS Daring has spent inside a UK port during this time and which ports were they;*
- *How many days HMS Dauntless has spent inside a UK port during this time and which ports were they?*
- *How many days HMS Diamond has spent inside in a UK port and which ports were they?*
- *How many days HMS Duncan has spent inside a UK port and which ports were they?*
- *How many days HMS Dragon has spent inside a UK port and which ports were they?'*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm the Ministry of Defence does hold the information you require as detailed in the attached Annex (Annex A/FOI2016-07723/19th Aug 2016).

Under Section 16 of the Act – 'Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance', the Department has also provided information to explain the reasons why the ships were docked alongside in the UK ports. It is important tonote that on days that each ship was recorded as being in port, it was not always docked for the full 24 hour period therefore the figures may overstate the period alongside. Time

recorded as in Port includes a range of activities, including planned maintenance and refit periods, resupply of human and ship consumables, routine and pre-deployment crew training and annual leave.

The current and recent activity of each ship can be seen on the Royal Navy Website <http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/our-organisation/the-fighting-arms/surface-fleet>. For example, during the time period for which information was requested HMS DRAGON was undergoing a planned major upgrade by BAE systems; DAUNTLESS had recently returned from a long deployment and therefore had leave periods and planned maintenance followed by a period being held at High Readiness for national tasking; DUNCAN completed a nine month deployment followed by leave and maintenance; DEFENDER conducted pre-deployment preparation before heading off for a nine month deployment; and DARING and DIAMOND were preparing for deployments later in 2016 with a range of maintenance, trials and training whilst also conducting national tasking activities when required.

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 me 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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

HMS DEFENDER	132 days	HMNB Portsmouth, London, Forth, HMNB Devonport	Apr 15 – Oct 15 –Operational Sea Training/Leave Nov 15 – Jun 16 – 9 months Operational Deployment Jul 16 – date: Maintenance/ Leave/
HMS DARING	319 days	HMNB Portsmouth, HMNB Devonport, Portland	Apr 15 – Aug 15: Leave/Maintenance Sep 15 – Feb 16: Maintenance/Leave Mar 16 – Aug 16: Operational Sea Training/Leave Sep 16 – date: 9 month Operational deployment
HMS DAUNTLESS	308.5 days	HMNB Portsmouth, HMNB Clyde	Jan 15 – May 15: 5 month Operational deployment Jun 15 – Feb 16: Maintenance/Leave Mar 16 – date: Engineering Training Ship
HMS DIAMOND	300.5 days	HMNB Portsmouth Aberdeen	Feb 15 – Sep 15: Capability Upgrade/leave Oct 15 – Apr 16: Leave/Maintenance/Training May 16 – Jul 16: Operational Sea Training/Maintenance Aug 16 – date: Operational deployment
HMS DUNCAN	125 days	HMNB Portsmouth	Mar 15 – Dec 15: 9 month Operational Deployment Dec 15 – Apr 16: Maintenance/Leave May 16 – date: Training/Visits
HMS DRAGON	330 days	HMNB Portsmouth	Jan 15 – Apr 15: 9 month Operational Deployment May 15: Leave Jun 15 – Apr 16: Refit May 16 – Jul 16: Post Upkeep Trials Aug 16 – date: Maintenance

* Data provided between Apr15-Apr16
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