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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 8 December 2016 in which you requested the following information:

'In relation to RN and RFA operations in the Caribbean from 2000 to end 2016 what are the statistics, by year, for each ship assigned to the Atlantic Patrol Task (North) within the following:

- 1. Ships Deployed and periods assigned to APT(N).*
- 2. Quantity of drugs seized/intercepted by weight and value for each vessel.'*

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

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. Information for parts 1 and 2 of your request are set out in Annexes A and B attached.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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.

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Yours sincerely,

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

RN and RFA Ships and Periods Assigned on Atlantic Patrol Task (North) 2000 - 2016

YEAR	SHIP	PERIOD DEPLOYED
2000	HMS MANCHESTER,	6 MONTHS
2000	HMS CARDIFF	6 MONTHS
2001	HMS SHEFFIELD	7 MONTHS
2001	RFA GOLD ROVER	9 MONTHS
2001	HMS COVENTRY	4 MONTHS
2002	HMS ARGYLL	1 MONTH
2002	RFA OAK LEAF	9 MONTHS
2002	HMS NEWCASTLE	1 MONTH
2002	HMS GRAFTON	4 MONTHS
2003	RFA BLACK ROVER	8 MONTHS
2003	HMS IRON DUKE	8 MONTHS
2003	HMS MANCHESTER	4 MONTHS
2003/4	RFA WAVE KNIGHT	8 MONTHS
2004	HMS MONMOUTH	7 MONTHS
2004	RFA WAVERULER	6 MONTHS
2004	HMS RICHMOND	5 MONTHS
2005	HMS LIVERPOOL	6 MONTHS
2005	RFA WAVEKNIGHT	10 MONTHS
2005	HMS CUMBERLAND	3 MONTHS
2006	HMS SOUTHAMPTON	1 MONTH
2006	HMS IRON DUKE	5 MONTHS
2007	HMS LANCASTER	2 MONTHS
2007	HMS OCEAN	3 MONTHS
2007	HMS PORTLAND	5 MONTHS
2007	RFA WAVE KNIGHT	2 MONTHS
2007/08	RFA LARGS BAY	6 MONTHS
2008	RFA WAVE RULER	6 MONTHS
2008	HMS IRON DUKE	5 MONTHS
2009	RFA LARGS BAY	6 MONTHS
2009	RFA FORT GEORGE	4 MONTHS
2009	HMS IRON DUKE	5 MONTHS
2010	HMS MANCHESTER	6 MONTHS
2010/11	RFA WAVE RULER	18 MONTHS
2012	FORT ROSALIE	6 MONTHS
2012	RFA ARGUS	2 MONTHS
2013/14	WAVE KNIGHT	15 MONTHS
2013	HMS LANCASTER	6 MONTHS
2014	RFA BLACK ROVER	1 MONTH
2014	HMS ARGYLL	5 MONTHS
2015	HMS SEVERN	5 MONTHS
2015	RFA LYME BAY	5 MONTHS
2016	HMS MERSEY	5 MONTHS
2016	RFA WAVE KNIGHT	6 MONTHS

Narcotics seizures by Royal Navy Ships patrolling in the Caribbean area during 2000-2016

With regard to Part 2 of your request, the following narcotic seizures/interdictions have taken place during the period 2000-2016:

Ship	Seizures/Disruptions			Notes
	Date	Nature	Value	
HMS MANCHESTER	Jun 00	0.85 tonnes	£34 million	1
HMS COVENTRY	Sep 01	1200kg cocaine	£48 million	1
HMS NEWCASTLE	Jul 02	100 bales marijuana		2
	Jul 02	23 bales cocaine		2
HMS GRAFTON	Sep 02	21 bales marijuana		2
	Oct 02	750kg cocaine	£30 million	1
	Nov 02	7 bales marijuana		2
HMS IRON DUKE	Jun 03	3275kg cocaine	£131 million	1
HMS MANCHESTER	Oct 03	1052kg cocaine	£42 million	1
RFA WAVE KNIGHT	Sep 03	116lbs marijuana	£152,000	1
	Jan 04	650kg cocaine	£26 million	1
RFA WAVE RULER	Nov 04	1.8 tonnes cocaine	£72 million	1
	Jan 05	1.8 tonnes cocaine	£72 million	1
	Jan 05	1.7 tonnes cocaine	£68 million	1
	Feb 05	0.93 tonnes cocaine	£37 million	1
	Jul 05	3 tonnes cocaine	£120 million	1
	Sep 06	Approx. 5 tonnes cocaine	£100 million	1
	Nov 06	Approx 4 tonnes cocaine	£160 million	1
	Nov 06	2.04 tonnes cocaine	£82 million	1
HMS LIVERPOOL	May 05	400lbs cannabis, 0.998 tonnes cocaine	£53 million	1, With WAVE KNIGHT
	Jun 05	850lbs cannabis, 0.3 tonnes cocaine	£13 million	1
RFA WAVE KNIGHT	Mar 05	1.5 tonnes cocaine	£40 million	1
HMS CUMBERLAND	Sep 05	1.5 tonnes cocaine	£60 million	1
	Oct 05	1.756 tonnes cocaine	£70 million	1, With WAVE KNIGHT
HMS SOUTHAMPTON	Feb 06	Approx. 4.2 tonnes cocaine	£169 million	1, With GREY ROVER
HMS OCEAN	May 07	12 bales cocaine		2
	Jun 07	328kg cocaine, 20kg heroin	£14 million	1
HMS PORTLAND	Oct 07	Approx 3.3 tonnes cocaine	£132 million	1, With WAVE KNIGHT
RFA LARGS BAY	Dec 07	1.125 tonnes cocaine	£45 million	1
HMS IRON DUKE	Jun 08	1.125 tonnes cocaine	£45 million	1

	Jul 08	Approx 1.2 tonnes cocaine	£48 million	1
HMS IRON DUKE	Jul 09	0.75 tonnes cocaine	£33 million	1
	Jul 09	Approx 150kg cocaine	£6 million	1
	Sep 09	5 tonnes cocaine	£240 million	1
RFA WAVE RULER	Apr 11	Up to 100kg cocaine		3
	Apr 11	Approx. 80 kg cocaine		3
	Aug 11	Approx 1000kg cocaine	£55 million	4
HMS MANCHESTER	Jun 10	Approx. 500lbs marijuana	£1.5 million	1
	Oct 10	Approx. 240kg cocaine	£12 million	1
RFA WAVE KNIGHT	Jul 13	Disruption, jettisoned by smuggler		
	Jul 13	300kg, substance unknown		3
	Aug 13	1276 kg marijuana		3
	Jan 14	538lbs marijuana		3
	Jan 14	Approx 1125kg cocaine		3
	Feb 14	171kg cocaine		3
HMS LANCASTER	Jul 13	Disruption, jettisoned by smuggler		
	Aug 13	630kg cocaine		3
	Sep 13	1125kg marijuana, 400kg cocaine	£58 million	
HMS ARGYLL	Aug 14	18 bales cocaine		2
	Oct 14	10 bales unknown substance		
	Nov 14	215kg unknown substance		
	Nov 14	850 kg cocaine	£36 million	
HMS SEVERN				
RFA LYME BAY	Nov 15	2.5 tonnes unknown substance		
HMS MERSEY	Mar 16	496kg cocaine		3, assisting Canadian warship
RFA WAVE KNIGHT	Sep 16	100kg cocaine		3
	Oct 16	Approx. 1000kg cocaine	Approx. £40 million	

Notes

1. Estimate of UK street value as at June 2009. It is very difficult to estimate the street value of illegal drugs seized or destroyed in these operations. The value varies greatly depending on a number of factors including supply and demand, the intended destination of the product as well as the purity of the drugs themselves when they reach the market. Not all of the seized drugs would have been intended for the UK, however values were calculated on the assumption that the product would have reached the UK.
2. Where only the number of bales is known, but not a weight, the street value cannot be estimated.
3. Estimated value not calculated / not released.
4. Estimate of UK street value at approximate time of seizure/disruption.

