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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 10 February 2017 requesting the following information:

'I want to know all the associated costs of keeping HMS Dauntless operating as a training ship while alongside at Portsmouth Naval Base during the period of December 2015 and December 2016.

I would be happy to clarify the term "associated costs".

To break this up, please could I have:

- 1) The cost of electricity used to power the ship.*
- 2) The cost to undertake any maintenance on the ship while she has been alongside in Portsmouth (if that has happened)*
- 3) Pay of what ship's company there is working on the vessel*
- 4) Cost of security for the ship*
- 5) Cost of paying for cleaning materials used on the ship'*

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

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds information in scope of your request which can be found detailed in the Annex attached to this letter.

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

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Q1. The cost of electricity used to power the ship?

A1. HMS Dauntless took up her role as the Training Ship from February 2016 and the cost incurred from this date through to December 2016 is £706K. It should be noted that this cost is not additional and would have been incurred if the ship had been alongside for routine operations and/or maintenance periods during this period.

Q2. The cost to undertake any maintenance on the ship while she has been alongside in Portsmouth (if that has happened)?

A2. The specific Information is not held by the Department – the Type 45 Destroyers are supported by an In Service Support Contract between the Ministry of Defence and BAE Systems, delivering a range of engineering support activities. Under this arrangement, the MOD is not able to separately identify the costs of maintenance from other support activities. Under Section 16(1) of the FOIA, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance to applicants, therefore under this Section of the Act, I can advise that the annual engineering support cost for HMS Duncan estimated at £31M was provided in a written parliamentary question asked by Penny Mordaunt in 2013 which can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm130318/text/130318w0003.htm>

Q3. Pay of what ship's company there is working on the vessel?

A3. The payroll cost for HMS Dauntless between February – December 2016 was £4.6M.

Q4. Cost of security for the ship?

A4. HMS DAUNTLESS has a Ship's Company (living on-board) so no specific Security costs are incurred appertaining to her status as a 'Training Ship'. The overall Security costs of the Naval Base are not apportioned by vessel.

Q5. Cost of paying for cleaning materials used on the ship?

A5. There is no specific information held on the cleaning materials used for HMS Dauntless during this period.

