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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXX,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 22 August 2014 requesting information on the disposal of HMS ENDURANCE. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find attached at Annex A the information in response to your FOI request.

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, 1st Floor, 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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

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Q.1. Is the MoD going to scrap HMS Endurance?

Q. 2. Will the MoD place HMS Endurance on the open market for sale in order to obtain the maximum price possible for the public purse - whether for scrapping or preservation trust use?

Q.3. Please can you confirm that the BBC News report is correct...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-24436594>

... that "The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said the Portsmouth-based ship, which was replaced by HMS Protector in 2011, would go out of service in 2015" To be clear, I am asking for confirmation that HMS Endurance will NOT be scrapped before 2015?

Q. 4. If "2" above is a positive reply, please can you advise me of the MoD protocol for disposing of this particular ship, and if possible, a Tender Pack to study in order to give consideration for the purchase of HMS Endurance.

In answer to parts 1-4 of your request, the Disposal Services Authority (DSA) disposes of defence equipment that is surplus to requirement on behalf of the MOD. This includes anything from large equipments such as warships, tanks and aircraft to smaller assets such as clothing and textiles, military spares, scrap metal and office/IT equipment. With regard to surplus ships, the DSA's prime aim is to sell these for further use. However, where this is not possible, for instance, when ships are no longer seaworthy or only suitable for recycling, the DSA seeks to dispose of the ships in the most environmentally manner ensuring its compliance with its legal responsibilities as a producer of waste. It is MOD policy to conduct fair and open competition for the sale of surplus ships.

No decisions have yet been made about the disposal strategy for HMS ENDURANCE. If you wish to express an interest in purchasing the ship you should contact the DSA as follow:

By telephone: call Central Query Services on +44(0) 30 6770 2911

By email: DESLCSLS-eDisposals@mod.uk

By post:

Disposals Services Authority
Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S)
Building H9
Ploughley Road
Lower Arcott
Bicester
Oxon OX25 2LD

The DSA internet website can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/disposal-services-authority#about-the-dsa>

You will also wish to note that the MOD currently advertises all of its publishable tender and contract opportunities valued over £10,000 in the Defence Contracts Online portal can be accessed via the www.contracts.mod.uk website.

Q.5. A copy of the Royal Navy equivalent of an MAIB report on the flooding incident that occurred aboard HMS Endurance during September 2008, and which, I understand has led to the ship being out of commission for an extended period of time?

The Service Inquiry into the flooding of HMS ENDURANCE on 16 December 2008 is available on the MOD website via the www.gov.uk at the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/27150/service_inquiry_flooding_hms_endurance.pdf

Q.6. A copy of the General Arrangement plan of HMS Endurance?

A copy of the General Arrangement Drawings are attached separately for your information.