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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13 May 2015 requesting information on the number of Royal Navy short notice tasks that have been undertaken in response to Russian navy ships approaching British waters in the most recent 12 month period available. 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 Department holds the following information within the scope of your request. There have been nine occasions in the last 12 months when a UK Warship has escorted a Russian Federation Naval vessel.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the answer given by The Minister of State for Defence, the Rt Hon Mark Francois MP, to Written Questions 218389, 218391 and 225944 on 24 March 2015 recorded on Hansard which you can access via the following link:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-12-11/218389/>

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Yours sincerely

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