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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 March 2015 requesting information on foreign visits made by the Royal Navy over the last 10 years. 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.

The Royal Navy averages around 70 Engagement visits each year with a variation of between 40-100. Of these Engagement visits the greatest proportion would be classed as Working Level Influence and Engagement, a proportion as Higher Level Influence and Engagement and the remainder would count as visits made in support of United Kingdom Trade and Investment initiatives. By far the largest proportion of ship visits has been to ports within Europe, followed by the Gulf States, the Caribbean and Africa.

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Yours sincerely

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