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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your communication of 12 May 2015 requesting information on UK surface vessel spending both forecast and historic spend. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can advise that the information you have requested is already available to the public on the MOD Website via the following link and will deal with the parts or your request in order:

Forecast spend is available in The Defence Equipment Plan 2014 (pages 18 and 19) gives a global figure for future surface ships spending 2014-15 to 2023-24 (£18.2 billion) at the first hyperlink together with additional information in the Major Projects Report 2014 at the second hyperlink:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-defence-equipment-plan-2014>

<http://www.nao.org.uk/report/major-projects-report-2014-and-the-equipment-plan-2014-to-2024/>

Historic spend is available in the UK Defence Statistics compendium 1992 -2013 Table 1.6 which is located here:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140116142443/http://www.dasa.mod.uk/index.php/publications/UK-defence-statistics-compendium>

Regarding specific vessels the following Parliamentary Questions have been answered with the first hyperlink giving the spend on Type 45 Destroyers and the second hyperlink the spend on Queen Elizabeth Class aircraft carriers:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-27/222281/>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-27/222302/>

The Ministry of Defence is permitted to withhold information where an exemption is considered justifiable. As the information you requested is already available to the public we have assessed your request falls under the absolute exemption at section 21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means – of the Act. Consequently, we are not obliged to provide you with a copy of the information.

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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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