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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 26 April 2015 requesting information on the annual running costs for classes of vessels of the Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary. If possible could I obtain, for each class, per year the average:

1. Fuel costs.
2. Cost of maintenance and spares (with and without modernisation refit costs).
3. All other costs excluding crew costs, training and depreciation.
4. Number of days at sea.

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 information for the first three parts of your request however it is not in a format that can be readily accessed and we are not obliged under the act to create the information and our efforts have now reached the appropriate limit. This appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that we are not obliged to comply with your request.

However in order to assist with your request under s16(Duty to Provide assistance) I can provide the following links to Parliamentary Questions answered on the subject:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm130425/text/130425w0010.htm>

For the final part of your request I can confirm the following for calendar year 2014:

Unit Type	Average for 2014
Amphibious Ship Large	150
Royal Fleet Auxiliary	153
Mine Countermeasures Vessel	145
Survey Vessel	228
Frigate/Destroyer	144

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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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