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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

Thank you for your email of 12 January 2016, which requested the following information:

- "1. for the names and types of ships currently based in Mina Salman, and ships which have been based there in 2015.*
- 2. How many Royal Navy ships have passed through Mina Salman in 2015?*
- 3. Which Royal Navy vessels would be based in the new port in Bahrain, once it is established? "*

Your inquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The MOD has does hold information of the description specified in your request. Each of your queries is answered in turn below.

1. **Names and types of units currently Based in Mina Salman?**
CHIDDINGFOLD (HUNT Class Mine Counter Measures Vessel)
MIDDLETON (HUNT Class MCMV)
PENZANCE (SANDOWN Class MCMV)
BANGOR (SANDOWN Class MCMV)
CARDIGAN BAY (RFA) (BAY Class Landing Ship Dock Auxiliary)
Names and types of units that have been based in Mina Salman during 2015?
ATHERSTONE (HUNT Class MCMV)
SHOREHAM (SANDOWN Class MCMV)
2. **Units that have visited Mina Salman during 2015?**
DAUNTLESS (Type 45 Destroyer)
DUNCAN (T45)
RICHMOND (Type 23 Frigate)
KENT (T23)
WAVE RULER (RFA) (WAVE Class Fleet Tanker)
FORT AUSTIN (RFA) FORT Grange Class Solid Support Ship)

3 **Which Royal Navy vessels will be based in the new port in Bahrain, once it has been established.?**

This query has been the subject of a Parliamentary Question (HL3630) on 10 December 2014, and has been answered by the MOD Minister in the House of Lords, Lord Astor of Hever, on 17 December 2014. The answer is available in Hansard for 17 December 2014, and is available to view at the following link...

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-questions-answers/?page=1&max=20&questiontype=AllQuestions&house=lords&use-dates=True&answered-from=2014-12-10&answered-to=2014-12-17&member=259&dept=11&keywords=Mina%2cSalman%2cBahrain>

I hope this is helpful. 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 this office 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.

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Yours sincerely

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