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Dear [Redacted]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 requesting the following information:

*'I would be grateful if you would let me know the number of 24 hour days (or the equivalent) that the MoD's fisheries protection vessels were at sea and operational in English waters (as opposed to being in harbour or at sea elsewhere) during 2015 and 2016. Please divide these figures between the number of 24 hour days that the vessels were contracted to or operating for the Marine Management Organisation on fisheries protection duties and the number of days that the vessels were undertaking other duties in English waters.'*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The table below features the number of 24 hour days that the Royal Navy Fishery Protection vessels were at sea and operational in English Waters conducting duties on behalf of the Marine Management Organisation along with other duties in 2015 and 2016.

Year	MMO Duty Days	Other Duty Sea Days
2015	460	325
2016	330	302

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Yours sincerely

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