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Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2018 in which you requested the following information:

'For the years 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018 please detail the total number of days each Type 45 Destroyer has spent in their home port/harbour.

I can confirm that I am seeking information on the number of days, by calendar year, each Type 45 destroyer has been alongside in their home port. Please include the data available for 2018 too.'

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

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and is provided in the table below.

Number of Days in Home Port/Harbour

	1 Jan 16 - 31 Dec 16	1 Jan 17 – 31 Dec 17	1 Jan 18 – 31 Mar 18
DARING	155	232	90
DAUNTLESS	359	365	90
DEFENDER	79	365	90
DIAMOND	184	203	85
DRAGON	285	309	67
DUNCAN	235	197	7

Under Section 16 of the Act (Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance), it may be helpful if I explain that, on days that each ship was recorded as being in their home port, this may not have been for the full 24 hour period; therefore, the figures may overstate the period alongside. In addition, like all ships, the Type 45 Destroyers rotate through planned operating cycles involving maintenance, training, deployment, leave and upgrades, and will be held at various levels of readiness.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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