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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 July 2019 in which you requested the following information:

'To receive the total number of days at sea for the Type 23 fleet from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. This data has:

- a) been provided for the Type 23 fleet on previous occasions, both by Parliamentary Written Answer and FoI request;
- b) similar data has been provided for the Type 45 fleet in a Written Answer from 15 July 2019 (HoC 275139).

On these bases, the data cannot be a) regarded as commercially confidential, b) cannot be deemed to imperil RN personnel, c) not held centrally.

I am happy to receive the data via the e-mail address used to send this request.

I look forward to receiving the data.'

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under 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.

In response to your request, I can tell you that the total number of days the Type 23 Frigate fleet spent at sea from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 is 1,148.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act - Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance - it may be helpful if I explain that the normal operating cycle of Type 23 Frigates involves them entering different readiness levels depending on their programmes and Departmental planning requirements.

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

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section