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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 March 2021, in which you submitted a request for the following information:

'I am writing to ask how new U.K royal navy ships are named and who decides the name of the ship.'

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

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

The names for a new ship or a class of ship are initially proposed by the Royal Navy's Ships' Names and Badges Committee (SNBC). In considering any name, the Committee takes into account many aspects including the history of that name, battle honours, civil support and potential affiliations that may go with it. The Committee presents their recommendations to the Navy Board and the name(s) chosen by the Board are forwarded to the Secretary of State for Defence before being submitted to Her Majesty the Queen for approval.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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