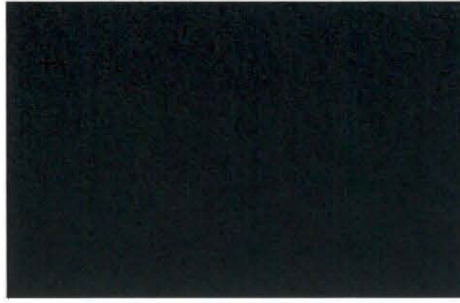




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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 18 May 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'To request the number of days at sea for each ship of the Type 23 and 45 classes of frigate/destroyer for the calendar year 2020-21. The information is held centrally, and has been released before now (eg <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2020-05-20.49605.h&s=defence+2020-06-01..2020-06-03#g49605.q0>), so there are no security grounds for non-release.'

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 and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

In response to your request, figures detailing the number of days at sea for the Type 23 and Type 45 class of vessel broken down by individual ship for the time period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 can be found at Annex A to this letter.

Under section 16 (Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, it may help if I explain that the normal operating cycle of every ship involves them entering different readiness levels depending on their programmes, periods of refit and Departmental planning requirements. In addition, these figures represent days at sea, and it should be noted that, while deployed away from the UK, ships will spend both days at sea and alongside in ports around the world.

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

Type 23 Frigates

FRIGATE	2020
ARGYLL	191
IRON DUKE	0
KENT	155
LANCASTER	144
MONMOUTH	10
MONTROSE	227
NORTHUMBERLAND	154
PORTLAND	0
RICHMOND	190
SOMERSET	0
ST ALBANS	0
SUTHERLAND	161
WESTMINSTER	114

Type 45 Destroyers

DESTROYER	2020
DARING	0
DAUNTLESS	29
DIAMOND	71
DRAGON	110
DEFENDER	129
DUNCAN	0

