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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Further to our interim correspondence of 22 November 2021, I am now in a position to provide you with a substantive response to your request for the following information:

'I would like to know the movements and activities of HMS York for the following dates if at all possible.

January 1996 - June 1997

February 1999 - May 1999

March 2001 - November 2001'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information 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. The recorded information held on ship movements for HMS YORK for the specified time periods can be found at Annex A to this letter.

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-](mailto:CIO-)

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

**HMS YORK Ship Movements**

10-22 January 1996: Alongside to fit enhancements for Armilla patrol  
22-26 January 1996: Recovery training period in the South Coast Exercise Areas  
26 January – 10 February 1996: Alongside to fit enhancements for the Armilla patrol  
11-16 February 1996: Shakedown in the South Coast Exercise Areas  
17-18 February 1996: Alongside Devonport  
19-22 February 1996: Pre-deployment training in the South Coast Exercise Areas  
22-26 February 1996: Passage  
26-28 February 1996: Gibraltar  
28 February – 2 March 1996: Passage  
2 March 1996: Logistic stop Souda Bay  
2-4 March 1996: Passage  
5 March 1996: Southbound transit of the Suez Canal  
6-8 March 1996: Passage  
8 March 1996: Djibouti  
8-13 March 1996: Passage  
13 March 1996: Cochin (Kochi) India  
18-21 March 1996: Passage  
18-21 March 1996: Alongside Singapore for pre-exercise briefs  
21-30 March 1996: Five Power Defence Agreement exercise  
30 March – 15 April 1996: Singapore for Self-maintenance period  
15-16 April 1996: Passage  
16-20 April 1996: Lumut, Malaysia  
20-24 April 1996: Passage  
24-27 April 1996: Chittagong, Bangladesh  
27 April – 2 May 1996: Passage  
2 May 1996: Cochin (Kochi) India  
2-9 May 1996: Passage  
9-15 May 1996: Alongside Bahrain  
12-18 May 1996: Gulf Exercises  
19-20 May 1996: Passage  
21-24 May 1996: Sharjah, UAE  
25-27 May 1996: Passage  
27 May – 3 June 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations  
3-4 June 1996: Passage  
4-5 June 1996: Bahrain  
6-10 June 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations  
10-12 June 1996: Passage  
12-15 June 1996: Doha, Qatar  
16 June 1996: Passage  
17-20 June 1996: Jebel Ali, UAE  
20-22 June 1996: Passage  
22-26 June 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations  
26-28 June 1996: Passage  
28 June – 5 July 1996: Dubai, UAE  
5 July 1996: Passage

6 July 1996: Wudam, Oman  
7-10 July 1996: Exercise with the Royal Omani Navy  
10-11 July 1996: Passage  
11-21 July 1996: Dubai, UAE  
21 July 1996: Passage  
21-22 July 1996: Fleet Trial  
22-24 July 1996: Passage  
24-27 July 1996: Al Jubail, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
27 July 1996: Passage  
28-30 July 1996: Bahrain  
31 July – 1 August 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations  
1-4 August 1996: Kuwait  
4-9 August 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations  
9-10 August 1996: Passage  
10-14 August 1996: Abu Dhabi, UAE  
14-20 August 1996: Southern Arabian Gulf Patrol  
20-24 August 1996: Dubai, UAE  
24-28 August 1996: Southern Arabian Gulf and Gulf of Oman Patrol  
28 August – 1 September 1996: Muscat, Oman  
1-3 September 1996: Gulf of Oman patrol  
3-10 September 1996: Passage  
11 September 1996: Northbound transit of the Suez Canal  
12 September 1996: Cyprus  
12-14 September 1996: Passage  
14 September 1996: Souda Bay  
14-16 September 1996: Passage  
16-20 September 1996: Malta  
20-23 September 1996: Passage  
23 September 1996: Gibraltar  
23-27 September 1996: Passage  
27 September 1996: Arrival in Portsmouth

21 August 2001: Portsmouth, Commanding Officer's supersession and re-commencement of reporting  
21 August – 24 September 2001: trials period, weapon training and support to PWO syllabus training  
24 September – December 2001: Deployment operational sea training, Sea Dart high seas firing, ACT (AAW) training (no specific dates).