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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Further to our interim correspondence of 5 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 Gloucester for the following dates if at all possible.

Feb-May 1997
Feb- November 2000
June 2005 - March 2006
November 08 - January 2009'

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 GLOUCESTER from February to November 2000, June 2005 to March 2006 and November 2008 to January 2009 can be found at Annex A to this letter.

Please be advised that no recorded information is held on ship movements for HMS GLOUCESTER for the specified time period February to May 1997.

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). 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

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

HMS GLOUCESTER Ship Movements

1-2 February 2000: Passage from Souda bay to Suez Canal
2-3 February 2000: Southbound Suez Canal transit
3-13 February 2000: Passage
13 February 2000: Fujairah
13-14 February 2000: Passage
14-17 February 2000: Dubai
17-18 February 2000: Passage
18-26 February 2000: Escort of CVS
26 February – 6 March 2000: Dubai
6-14 March 2000: Maritime Interdiction Operations
15-16 March 2000: Passage
16-20 March 2000: Dubai
20-30 March 2000: Passage
30 March – 2 April 2000: Aqaba, Jordan
2-3 April 2000: Passage
3-4 April 2000: Northbound Suez Canal transit
5-8 April 2000: Rhodes
8-10 April 2000: Passage
11-13 April 2000: Mediterranean exercise with US 6th Fleet
13-20 April 2000: Passage
20-28 April 2000: Malaga
28 April – 2 May 2000: Passage to Brest
2-16 May 2000: Exercise Linked Seas off Brest
16-19 May 2000: Passage
19 May – 5 June 2000: Portsmouth for main post-deployment leave
5-20 June 2000: Portsmouth for retard post-deployment leave
21-23 June 2000: Passage
23-27 June 2000: Port Visit Bilbao
27-29 June 2000: Passage
29 June – 4 September 2000: Alongside Portsmouth for assisted maintenance period and summer leave
5-10 September 2000: Portsmouth for new Commanding Officer familiarisation
10-14 September 2000: Passage
14-18 September 2000: Port Visit Avonmouth
18-22 September 2000: Passage
22-25 September 2000: Portsmouth
25-29 September 2000: Staff College Sea Days
29 September – 1 October 2000: Portsmouth
2-6 October 2000: South Coast Exercise Areas to support PWO syllabus training
6-16 October 2000: Portsmouth for self-maintenance period
16-18 October 2000: Passage
18-20 October 2000: Support to Submarine Command Course
23 October – 3 November 2000: Joint Maritime Course
4-6 November 2000: Passage
6-10 November 2000: Port Visit Amsterdam

10-14 November 2000: Passage
14-21 November 2000: Portsmouth
21-23 November 2000: Weapon Training, South Coast Exercise Areas
23 November – 4 December 2000: Portsmouth

June 2005: Maintenance and defect rectification in Portsmouth
Mid-June 2005 (no date): Faslane to support Submarine Command Course
23-28 June 2005: Portsmouth for International Fleet Review
28 June– 1 July 2005: Passage
1-4 July 2005: Port Visit Amsterdam
4-7 July 2005: Passage
7-11 July 2005: Port visit Zeeburgge
11-13 July 2005: Passage
13-18 July 2005: Portsmouth
18-22 July 2005: Support to International navigation training
22-25 July 2005: Portsmouth
25-26 July 2005: Support to Commanding Officers Designate Course
27-28 July 2005: Affiliates and family's days
29 July – 22 August 2005: Summer leave
22-29 August 2005: Self-maintenance period
29 August – 9 September 2005: Shakedown in the South Coast Exercise Areas
12 September – 20 October 2005: Basic Operational Sea Training
20-24 October 2005: Passage
24 October – 4 November 2005: Exercise Neptune Warrior
5-6 November 2005: High seas firing
7-16 November 2005: Portsmouth
21 November – 16 December 2005: Fleet Time Support Period
16 December 2005 – 9 January 2006: Portsmouth for Christmas leave
9-16 January 2006: Portsmouth for maintenance
16-20 January 2006: Recovery training period
20 January – 20 February 2006: Alongside Portsmouth
20 February – 10 March 2006: Fleet Time Support Period
10-27 March 2006: Alongside Portsmouth
27-21 March 2006: Recovery training period

1-30 November 2008: Alongside Portsmouth, Fleet Time Support Period
1-4 December 2008: Recovery training period, South Coast Exercise Areas
4-17 December 2008: Activated as Fleet Ready Escort to shadow contacts in UK Waters
17-31 December 2008: Alongside Portsmouth
1-5 January 2009: Alongside Portsmouth
5-12 January 2009: South Coast Exercise Areas support to Commanding Officer Designate Course training
12-19 January 2009: South Coast Exercise Areas support to PWO syllabus training
19-26 January 2009: Alongside Portsmouth
26-30 January 2009: At sea for BBC filming, high seas firing and Thursday War
31 January 2009: Alongside Portsmouth