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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Further to our interim correspondence of 6 December 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 Nottingham for the following dates if at all possible.

January 1997 - September 1997

April 1998 - July 1998

July 2006 - December 2006'

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 NOTTINGHAM 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.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

**HMS NOTTINGHAM Ship Movements**

1 January – 17 February 1997: Alongside Portsmouth undergoing maintenance  
17 February 1997: Sailed for weapon training, recovery training period and shakedown serials in the South Coast Exercise areas, followed by passage to Faslane and Joint Maritime Course  
Late March 1997 (no date): Assumption of duties as Fleet Ready Escort  
Early April 1997 (no date): Alongside in Portsmouth for Easter Leave  
Mid-April 1997: Sailed to conduct weapon training and a visit to Hull  
28 April 1997: Sailed from Portsmouth for passage to Lisbon for Exercise Linked Seas  
May 1997: Period at Butec and training  
June 1997: Assisted maintenance period alongside in Portsmouth  
1 July 1997: Recovery training period at sea  
1-14 July 1997: Deployment operational sea training in the South Coast Exercise Areas  
14 July – 8 September 1997: Alongside in Portsmouth for summer leave, pre-deployment leave and maintenance  
8 September 1997: Sailed on Armilla deployment  
17 September 1997: Souda Bay  
17-30 September 1997: Passage including Suez Canal transit, Djibouti, exercises with the FS Jean de Vienne in the Gulf of Aden

10 April – 8 June 1998: Assisted maintenance period alongside in Portsmouth  
8 June 1998: Sailed for recovery trials and training period, weapon training and FOST serials, a visit to Douglas, Isle of Man, a Sea Dart high Seas firing, and visit to Falmouth for the Tall Ships race  
29 Jul 1998: Return to Portsmouth

1-28 July 2006: Fleet Time Support Period alongside in Portsmouth  
31 July – 3 August 2006: Recovery training period in the South Coast Exercise Areas  
4 August – 3 September 2006: Alongside Portsmouth for summer leave and maintenance  
4-6 September 2006: Recovery training period  
7 September – 2 October 2006: Emergent defect required ship to remain alongside in Portsmouth  
3-10 October 2006: Recovery training period, passage to Faslane  
10-15 October 2006: Support to Submarine Command Course  
16-18 October 2006: Digital navigation training  
18-24 October 2006: Alongside Faslane  
24 October – 3 November 2006 Exercise Neptune Warrior  
3-6 November 2006: Alongside Leith  
6-9 November 2006: Air Defence Exercise Wycombe Warrior  
9-13 November 2006: Port visit to Hull  
14-16 November 2006: Port visit to Amsterdam  
17 November – 22 December 2006: Fleet time support period alongside in Portsmouth