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For the attention of Mr A J Howell

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Dear Mr Howell,

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 October which is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information act 2000.

I can confirm that we hold information on the subject you have requested. There are presently four standing commitments to which a Royal Navy frigate or destroyer is usually allocated, either permanently or for part of the year. They are: the Fleet Ready Escort; the Towed Array Patrol Ship; Atlantic Patrol Task (South); and Atlantic Patrol Task (North).

The Royal Navy currently has three destroyers or frigates committed to intervention operations: one destroyer is involved in operations off the coast of Libya, and two frigates contribute to our maritime presence East of Suez, which includes deployments to the Arabian Gulf and participation in counter-piracy operations in the Indian Ocean.

Yours sincerely

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