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Dear Nia

Further to your question (176120) on 8 October 2018 asking how many days each Type 23 Frigate spent at sea since they came into service, where I indicated that the information would take some time to collate, I am now able to provide a substantive response.

From the records that have been scrutinised, the number of days that each of the Type 23 Frigates that are currently in service has spent at sea in each year since entering service until 30 September 2018 is provided in the tables below:

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
ARGYLL	74	103	152	90	96	177	118	64	82	164
LANCASTER	9	126	141	171	32	158	133	157	12	129
IRON DUKE		101	127	173	113	97	190	120	159	126
MONMOUTH			138	138	190	33	173	119	111	163
MONTROSE			8	100	113	157	108	146	144	123
WESTMINSTER			6	95	159	152	181	64	132	116
RICHMOND				202	139	83	184	123	132	103
NORTHUMBERLAND				60	99	141	149	72	151	124
SOMERSET					184	135	160	125	155	104
SUTHERLAND							103	148	117	148
KENT										75
PORTLAND										14
ST ALBANS										

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
ARGYLL	108	150	91	138	157	136	143	138	100	32
LANCASTER	163	82	150	43	135	146	142	163	160	122
IRON DUKE	47	110	177	140	97	163	22	192	154	93
MONMOUTH	134	3	117	162	115	101	170	45	158	145
MONTROSE	120	91	24	122	165	139	153	180	53	190

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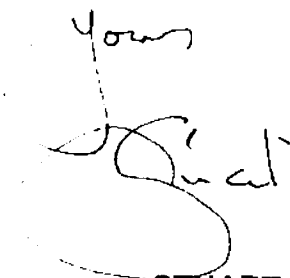
WESTMINSTER	147	134	70	40	135	148	92	183	79	89
RICHMOND	150	144	167	158	12	47	206	113	167	120
NORTHUMBERLAND	166	105	165	14	67	152	137	152	131	220
SOMERSET	75	155	104	184	89	24	80	146	162	188
SUTHERLAND	114	88	164	121	98	144	153	26	125	148
KENT	165	88	183	105	73	169	98	169	160	109
PORTLAND	87	137	160	99	125	44	186	110	171	151
ST ALBANS	246	55	121	148	101	160	42	80	127	164

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ARGYLL	147	140	137	168	25	0	111	117
LANCASTER	0	133	167	100	157	0	0	0
IRON DUKE	177	31	126	175	85	132	94	0
MONMOUTH	17	133	150	0	68	113	209	82
MONTROSE	129	143	165	76	0	0	41	95
WESTMINSTER	148	179	168	100	0	0	126	116
RICHMOND	162	74	178	142	180	73	51	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	45	141	153	186	48	0	0	65
SOMERSET	172	51	159	186	131	113	95	61
SUTHERLAND	183	194	98	9	127	127	103	154
KENT	24	147	163	137	124	67	0	36
PORTLAND	120	25	139	161	107	176	41	0
ST ALBANS	202	144	40	79	122	136	138	91

I should point out that the normal operating cycle of every ship involves them entering different readiness levels depending on their programmes 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 days at sea and alongside in ports around the world.

I hope that this response is helpful.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Yours


STUART ANDREW MP

Written Answer (Ministry of Defence) - 11 Oct 2018

Nia Griffith MP
House of Commons

Nia Griffith: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many days each Type 23 frigate has spent at sea in each year since those ships came into service. [176120]

Stuart Andrew:

The information requested will take time to collate and I will write to the hon. Member when it is available.