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Dear James,

Further to your Parliamentary Questions dated 1 April 2025 I promised to write to you to provide a summary of the expenditure details for the period spanning July 2024 to March 2025 regarding maintenance and upkeep costs for the entire Royal Navy fleet.

It has been necessary to provide the following assumptions with the data. Please see the table and following details below:

		Spend from July 2024 to March 2025		
Class	Vessel	(a) Upkeep spend £M	(b) Maintenance Spend £M	Note
QEC	HMS Queen Elizabeth	17.114	12.003	
QEC	HMS Prince of Wales	0.000	22.074	
T45	HMS Daring	30.561	0.000	
T45	HMS Dauntless	3.136	6.202	
T45	HMS Diamond	17.716	2.437	
T45	HMS Dragon	38.985	0.174	
T45	HMS Defender	44.318	0.000	
T45	HMS Duncan	0.000	3.627	
T23	HMS Lancaster	0.000	5.580	
T23	HMS Iron Duke	0.000	0.991	
T23	HMS Richmond	0.015	1.854	
T23	HMS Somerset	0.000	2.043	
T23	HMS Sutherland	9.973	0.054	
T23	HMS Kent	26.065	0.000	

T23	HMS Portland	0.000	3.760	
T23	HMS St Albans	0.993	1.454	
T23	HMS Argyll	1.132	0.000	
T23	HMS Northumberland	10.599	0.038	Remove d from Service March 25
T23	HMS Westminster	0.222	0.000	Remove d from Service May 24
OPV	HMS Tyne	0.189	2.182	
OPV	HMS Severn	10.435	2.279	
OPV	HMS Mersey	1.633	2.267	
OPV	HMS Forth	0.030	3.330	
OPV	HMS Medway	1.362	2.851	
OPV	HMS Tamar	3.917	3.294	
OPV	HMS Trent	5.708	2.590	
OPV	HMS Spey	0.049	3.383	
MCM	HMS Ledbury	2.324	0.256	
MCM	HMS Cattistock	0.000	0.388	
MCM	HMS Brocklesby	6.962	0.000	
MCM	HMS Middleton	0.000	0.539	
MCM	HMS Chiddingfold	0.455	0.271	
MCM	HMS Hurworth	0.000	0.420	
MCM	HMS Bangor	0.000	5.340	
MCM	HMS Penzance	0.000	0.000	Awaiting disposal
Patrol Boats	HMS Archer	0.000	0.163	
Patrol Boats	HMS Biter	0.000	0.153	
Patrol Boats	HMS Smiter	0.000	0.112	
Patrol Boats	HMS Pursuer	0.000	0.135	
Patrol Boats	HMS Blazer	0.000	0.151	
Patrol Boats	HMS Dasher	0.000	0.138	
Patrol Boats	HMS Puncher	0.000	0.167	
Patrol Boats	HMS Charger	0.000	0.091	
Patrol Boats	HMS Ranger	0.000	0.117	
Patrol Boats	HMS Trumpeter	0.000	0.190	
Patrol Boats	HMS Express	0.000	0.193	
Patrol Boats	HMS Example	0.000	0.132	
Patrol Boats	HMS Explorer	0.000	0.182	
Patrol Boats	HMS Exploit	0.000	0.091	
Patrol Boats	HMS Tracker	0.000	0.080	

Patrol Boats	HMS Raider	0.000	0.228	
LPD	HMS Albion	0.000	0.000	Remove d from Service March 25
LPD	HMS Bulwark	12.754	0.000	Remove d from Service March 25
RFA	RFA Wave Knight	0.000	0.734	
RFA	RFA Wave Ruler	0.000	1.819	
RFA	RFA Tideforce	4.733	1.389	
RFA	RFA Tiderace	0.000	4.262	
RFA	RFA Tidespring	0.126	11.288	
RFA	RFA Tidesurge	0.000	3.014	
RFA	RFA Cardigan Bay	0.000	7.517	
RFA	RFA Lyme Bay	0.000	2.231	
RFA	RFA Mounts Bay	2.994	1.130	
RFA	RFA Argus	0.884	6.858	
RFA	RFA Fort Victoria	15.945	2.640	
Fast Patrol Boats	HMS Cutlass	0.000	0.450	
Fast Patrol Boats	HMS Dagger	0.000	0.336	

- 1. Expenditure Period:** The expenditure report encompasses the financial details from July 2024 to March 2025, outlining the costs incurred during this period.
- 2. Maintenance Costs:** For the Queen Elizabeth Class (QEC), Type 23 (T23), Type 45 (T45), Mine Countermeasure (MCM), and Landing Platform Dock (LPD) class of vessels, the maintenance costs considered include any expenses categorised as NACMO (Net Additional Costs of Military Operations).
- 3. Exclusion of Enhancements Outside of Upkeep:** It is important to note that the costs associated with enhancements made to vessels outside of a scheduled Upkeep cycle are not included in the maintenance/upkeep figures for the QEC, T23, T45, MCM, and LPD class of vessels.
- 4. Maintenance Approach for Fast Boats/Patrol Boats:** Fast Boats and Patrol Boats only undertake annual planned maintenance work, there are no upkeep packages of work unlike the larger vessels.

5. Submarine Figures: We do not disclose details of Submarine maintenance and upkeep costs, as such information could be used to undermine the operational security and capability of the Royal Navy.

I trust that this explains the position.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Maria Eagle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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