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Dear Mr Cole,

Thank you for your email of 3 October 2016 which requested the following information:-

1. For each month between July and September 2016, and broken down between Iraq and Syria:

- a) The number of a) Reaper b) Tornado, c) Typhoon missions flown;
- b) The number of a) Reaper b) Tornado, c) Typhoon sorties with weapons released;
- c) The number and type of weapons released by a) Reapers, b) Tornado, c) Typhoon

2. Please can you let me have the number of UK air strikes in a) Iraq and b) Syria per month from 1st June 2016 to 30 September 2016 broken down between Reaper, Tornado and Typhoon aircraft?

3. Please can you confirm if UK armed forces have utilised US unmanned aircraft since 1st June 2016 and if so, can you let me have monthly number of sorties/weapons releases?

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information requested can be found below:

For each month between July and September 2016 and broken down between Iraq and Syria;

The number of a) Reaper b) Tornado, c) Typhoon missions flown.

	July			August			September		
	Iraq	Syria	Total	Iraq	Syria	Total	Iraq	Syria	Total
Tornado	50	0	<b>50</b>	38	10	<b>48</b>	44	4	<b>48</b>
Typhoon	54	4	<b>58</b>	36	6	<b>42</b>	37	1	<b>38</b>
Reaper	54	25	<b>79</b>	38	34	<b>72</b>	50	27	<b>77</b>

The number of a) Reaper b) Tornado, c) Typhoon sorties with weapons released:

	July			August			September		
	Iraq	Syria	Total	Iraq	Syria	Total	Iraq	Syria	Total
Tornado	15	0	<b>15</b>	7	3	<b>10</b>	13	1	<b>14</b>
Typhoon	15	1	<b>16</b>	14	2	<b>16</b>	12	0	<b>12</b>
Reaper	8	3	<b>11</b>	11	2	<b>13</b>	20	2	<b>22</b>

The number and type of weapons released by a) Reapers, b) Tornado, c) Typhoon:

	July			August			September		
	Iraq	Syria	Total	Iraq	Syria	Total	Iraq	Syria	Total
Tornado	Paveway IV: 21 Brimstone: 12	N/A	<b>33</b>	Paveway IV: 11 Brimstone: 4 EPW2: 2	Paveway IV: 4 Brimstone: 6	<b>27</b>	Paveway IV: 23 Brimstone: 9 EPW2: 3	Paveway IV: 4	<b>35</b>
Typhoon	Paveway IV: 27	Paveway IV: 2	<b>29</b>	Paveway IV: 28	Paveway IV: 16	<b>44</b>	Paveway IV: 21	N/A	<b>21</b>
Reaper	Hellfire: 16 GBU12: 2	Hellfire: 7	<b>25</b>	Hellfire: 23 GBU12: 1	Hellfire: 3	<b>27</b>	Hellfire: 36 GBU12: 1	Hellfire: 8	<b>45</b>

The number of UK air strikes in a) Iraq and b) Syria per month from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 to 30 September 2016 broken down between Reaper, Tornado and Typhoon aircraft: <sup>1</sup>

	June			July			August			September		
	Iraq	Syria	Total	Iraq	Syria	Total	Iraq	Syria	Total	Iraq	Syria	Total
Tornado	23	2	<b>25</b>	17	0	<b>17</b>	9	3	<b>11</b>	14	1	<b>15</b>
Typhoon	32	2	<b>34</b>	17	1	<b>18</b>	14	2	<b>16</b>	14	0	<b>14</b>
Reaper	27	1	<b>28</b>	7	4	<b>11</b>	11	2	<b>13</b>	21	2	<b>23</b>

The data contained in this statement is believed to be complete and correct at the time of issue. The MOD operational activity databases are frequently reviewed and any errors and omissions are corrected. It is therefore possible that future statements might not match this statement exactly. The MOD regrets any difficulty that this may cause but emphasises that our aim is to ensure that our records are as complete and correct as possible.

In respect of question three, whether UK armed forces have utilised US unmanned aircraft since 1st June 2016, this has been interpreted to refer to the number UK military personnel who have used a US Reaper since June 2016 in Iraq or Syria, as per your previous requests regarding Afghanistan. The answer to this question is that no UK military personnel have used a US Reaper since June 2016 in Iraq or Syria.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the MOD regularly publishes information about RAF activity in Iraq and Syria at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/update-air-strikes-against-daesh>.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact this office in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made

<sup>1</sup> Under coalition methodology

within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,  
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