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Dear Mr Cole

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2015 which requested the following information:-

*“Please can I request under the Freedom of Information Act, for each month between Apr and June 2015, and broken down between Iraq and Syria,*

- a) the number of Reaper missions flown;*
- b) the number of sorties with weapons released;*
- c) the number and type of weapons released*

*Please can you let me have the number of UK air strikes in Iraq since March 2015 broken down between Tornado and Reaper aircraft.”*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and your specific questions are answered below.

Operational activity of RAF MQ-9 Reaper RPAS in Operation SHADER						
	Missions flown	ISTAR missions involving entry into Syrian airspace	AGM-114 Hellfire released	GBU-12 released	Total weapon releases	Missions involving weapon release
2015						
Apr	79	20	18	0	18	11
May	84	25	25	3	28	16
Jun	80	32	10	1	11	10
Note that all weapon releases occurred in Iraq. Reaper missions involve a single aircraft.						

Number of UK air strikes by RAF Tornado GR-4 and RAF MQ-9 Reaper RPAS in Iraq		
	Tornado GR-4	MQ-9 Reaper RPAS
2015		
Mar	17	12
Apr	13	13
May	14	20
Jun	18	10

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Yours sincerely,  
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