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Dear Mr Cole

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2017 which requested the following information:-

*My understanding is that during 2016 there were 725 UK sorties releasing weapons in Iraq and 76 sorties releasing weapons in Syria as part of Operation Shader. Please can I ask under the Freedom of Information Act:*

- a) *How many of the mission reports relating to those missions included entries for "miss distance if applicable" within the CASRSLT Set, broken down between Tornado, Typhoon and Reaper?*
- b) *If there are any entries, please can you let me have the figure entered for each miss distance if applicable' broken down between Tornado, Typhoon and Reaper?*

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

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held. However, this information is being withheld under section 26 of the Act as its disclosure would be likely to prejudice defence capability and effectiveness.

Section 26 is a qualified exemption and is subject to a public interest test, which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information given that, the public interest is best served in not releasing details of UK targeting performance as it would provide tactical advantage to our enemies and prejudice the capability and effectiveness of our armed forces if released.

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Yours sincerely,  
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