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Dear Mr Cole

Thank you for your email of 3 November 2014 which requested the following information, your request was received by the authorising branch on 10 November 2014.

“This is a request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act. Please can you tell me the number of sorties flown by UK Reapers in Iraq and/or Syria in Operation Shader and the number of weapons launched if any”.

I am treating your correspondence 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 I can confirm that all of the information in the scope of your request is held.

From 22 October up to and including 9 November 2014 there had been 22 RAF Reaper remotely piloted air system missions over Iraq in support of coalition operations against ISIL. In two cases the aircraft was armed and there was one weapon release.

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 me 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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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