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Dear Mr Cole

Thank you for your email of 26 November. You requested the following information:

On Monday 24th November, Mr Mark Francois, Minister for the Armed Forces, told the House of Commons "On 26 October, our troops left Camp Bastion and, as confirmed by the Secretary of State, the final UK personnel left Kandahar airfield yesterday. All of our major equipment and matériel has now left the country." (Hansard, 24 Nov 2014 : Column 629) Please can you tell me under the Freedom of Information Act where the UK's 10 Reaper aircraft have been re-located to, either by country or by geographical region (i.e. Southern Europe, Middle-East, North Africa etc.)

I am treating your correspondence as a request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records and I can confirm Reaper, the RAF's Remotely Piloted Aircraft System, has relocated to the United Kingdom and the Middle East. Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to note that the Reaper aircraft being returned to the UK will be kept in storage.

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Yours sincerely

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