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Dear Mr Cole,

Thank you for your email of 01 October in which you requested the following information:

- “a) How many sorties have Watchkeeper UAVs flown in support of UK Border force per month since 1 August 2020?*
- b) How many hours have Watchkeeper UAVs flown in support of UK Border force per month since 1 August 2020?”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Watchkeeper UAV took its first operational flight in support of the UK Border Force on Wednesday 02 September, with a total number of 15 sorties and 43 hours and 52 minutes flown for the month of September.

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Yours sincerely,

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