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Dear Mr Cole,

Thank you for your email of 2 February in which you requested the following information:

“a) How many sorties have Watchkeeper UAVs flown in support of UK Border force in each month between November 2020 and January 2021?”

b) How many hours have Watchkeeper UAVs flown in support of UK Border force in each month between November 2020 and January 2021?”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) it may be useful for you to note that Watchkeeper's support to the UK Border Force ceased on 16 October 2020.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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