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Thank you for your email of 24 November asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked for:

***Reports cited by Philip Hammond in the House of Commons on June 9th 2015, quoted below:***

*"People that are trying to take this journey are becoming increasingly sophisticated. I have seen reports recently of journeys which are routed via Canada to get to Turkey and then into Syria rather than going directly from the UK. So it is a continuing struggle."*

The Foreign Secretary sees many reports from within the FCO, from across Government, and from the press and other sources in the public domain. In this instance, the Foreign Secretary was drawing on a range of reports to highlight the evolving nature of the threat from Daesh and the increasingly complex travel routes taken by foreign fighters.

Reports on this specific issue are not held centrally by the FCO. There are a number of press and other open source reports on foreign fighters and the routes they take to Syria. For example, the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism has published a number of reports on foreign fighters (<http://icct.nl/topic/foreign-fighters/>). Numerous press articles have looked at foreign fighters and travel to Syria.

Yours sincerely,

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