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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 22 September 2014 asking for details of Quick Reaction Alert launches. You requested the following information:

- “1) The total number of days QRAs (Quick reaction alerts) have been launched in the year to date (2014)
- 2) The number of these which were in response to Russian military aircraft.

I have already seen the data released for previous years (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/317473/RAF_Quick_Reaction_Alert_Statistics_2005_2013.pdf) what I am specifically looking for are the 2014 figures.”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records for the information you requested and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held.

The overall number of days on which QRA was launched between 1 January 2014 and 30 September 2014 is shown in the table as is the number of days on which aircraft were launched in response to Russian military aircraft.

| No of Days QRA was launched | In Response to Russian Military Aircraft | In Response to Others |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 16 | 5 | 11 |

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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Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

[Original Signed]

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