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Thank you for your email of 3 July 2016 which requested the following information:-

- 1. How many members of Daesh have been killed and injured as a result of RAF airstrikes in Syria since they were sanctioned in December 2015?*
- 2. Of that number, how many were killed, where and when as a result of a) Brimstone Missiles, b) Hellfire missiles c) Paveway bombs?*

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information that you have requested can be found in the table below.

Date	Attack in the vicinity of	Estimated EKIA/ EWIA <sup>1</sup>	Weapon Type
25/12/15	Raqqah	1	Hellfire
10/01/16	Tabqa	2	Hellfire
11/01/16	Al Busayrah	2	Hellfire
15/01/16	Umm Num Rah	2	Paveway IV
25/01/16	Al Hinnah Al Ghardbiya	2	Hellfire
18/02/16	Jubb Hasan AgRa	4	Hellfire
20/02/16	Jubb Hasan AgRa	5	Hellfire
28/02/16	Tell Dehlis	8	Hellfire
22/04/16	Tabqa	1	Hellfire

<sup>1</sup> Enemy Killed in Action/ Wounded in Action

23/05/16	Ayyas	1	Hellfire
07/06/16	Raqqah	2	Hellfire
20/06/16	Raqqah	1	Hellfire
23/06/16	Wuqof	7	Paveway IV
28/06/16	Manbij	3	Paveway IV

Information concerning enemy killed and wounded in action is based on the best available post-strike analysis. This information, however, is only given as an estimate as the UK is not in a position to visit airstrike sites inside Syria and verify the facts.

The aim of the UK and Coalition airstrikes is to dismantle Daesh's military infrastructure by targeting fortified positions, command and control sites, and military equipment rather than Daesh fighters. Therefore, we would not always expect to see enemy killed and wounded in action for all targets that the UK strikes.

All weapons employed by RAF aircraft are conducted in strict accordance with the Law of Armed Conflict and rigorous Rules of Engagement, incorporating estimates to minimise the chance of civilian casualties and damage to civilian infrastructure.

The data contained in this statement is believed to be complete and correct at the time of issue. The MOD operational activity databases are frequently reviewed and any errors and omissions are corrected. It is therefore possible that future statements might not match this statement exactly. The MOD regrets any difficulty that this may cause but emphasises that our aim is to ensure that our records are as complete and correct as possible.

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Yours sincerely,

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