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Thank you for your email of 13 August 2015 which requested the following information:-

'I would like to know what current estimate the Ministry of Defence has made of the number of ISIS combatants killed as a result of UK airstrikes against ISIS targets in Iraq.

If these estimates are available, I would like to know them for the period covering present day back to 26th September 2014.

If this information is available, I would like to request copies of this research in either paper or portable document format (PDF).'

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that all of the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below.

The number of ISIL combatants killed in RAF airstrikes in Iraq from September 2014 to 31 August 2015.

| Month | Estimated Enemy Combatants Killed ¹² |
|---------|---|
| Sep -14 | 2 |
| Oct-14 | 2 |
| Nov-14 | 47 |
| Dec-14 | 33 |
| Jan-15 | 50 |
| Feb-15 | 11 |
| Mar-15 | 36 |
| Apr-15 | 38 |
| May-15 | 37 |
| Jun-15 | 20 |
| Jul-15 | 11 |

¹ Disclaimer: These are estimated figures only. It is not usually possible to verify enemy combatants killed categorically following an incident due to the risks involved in doing so.

² The 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. 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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| Aug-15 | 41 |
| Total | 328 |

Please be aware that the figures for enemy combatants killed by RAF airstrikes have not been verified because the UK can not visit strike sites and conduct detailed investigations on the ground such that the numbers of deaths can be categorically determined. They are estimated figures only.

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 this office 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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Yours sincerely,
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