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We refer to your email of 19 October 2016, and which requested the following information:-

- 1. How many members of Daesh have been killed and injured as a result of RAF air strikes in Syria since they were sanctioned in December 2015, up to the date you respond to this request?*
- 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). A search for this information has now been conducted within the MOD and we can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held.

In response to your first question, for the period 2 December 2015 to 6 November 2016 inclusive, MOD records show a combined total of 200 Enemy combatants killed in action or wounded in action resulting from UK weapons.

For the second question, the table at Annex A outlines the dates of enemy combatants killed or wounded in action with the corresponding weapon type that was involved in the attack. In terms of the location of the strikes, this information has been withheld under section 21 (information accessible by other means) as the information can be found at the following link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/british-forces-air-strikes-in-iraq-monthly-list>

Please be aware that the figures for enemy combatant killed by RAF airstrikes cannot be verified because the UK is not in a position to visit strike sites and do any kind of assessment. They are estimated figures only, based on post-strike analysis.

The fact that the evidence on enemy casualties is not exhaustive must not be taken to imply that civilian casualties may have occurred. All attacks conducted by RAF assets are in strict accordance with the UK's interpretation of the Law of Armed Conflict and appropriate Rules of Engagement and are always planned and conducted with the intent of avoiding civilian casualties and damage to civilian infrastructure. We cannot completely eliminate the risk of civilian casualties but we carefully mitigate that risk through strict targeting procedures. The evidence from detailed assessments of each strike is that we've avoided any civilian casualties so far in this conflict.

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.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

Date	Weapon Type	EKIA	EWIA
25/12/2015	Hellfire	0	1
10/01/2016	Hellfire	1	1
11/01/2016	Hellfire	1	1
15/01/2016	Paveway	2	0
25/01/2016	Hellfire	2	0
18/02/2016	Hellfire	4	0
20/02/2016	Hellfire	5	0
28/02/2016	Hellfire	7	1
22/04/2016	Hellfire	UK	1
23/05/2016	Hellfire	1	0
07/06/2016	Hellfire	2	0
20/06/2016	Hellfire	1	0
23/06/2016	Paveway	7	UK
28/06/2016	Paveway	3	0
24/07/2016	Hellfire	1	0
27/07/2016	Paveway	4	0
28/07/2016	Hellfire	12	1
30/07/2016	Hellfire	3	0
01/08/2016	Paveway	15	0
02/08/2016	Paveway	80	0
10/08/2016	Hellfire	3	1
16/08/2016	Paveway	3	UK
16/08/2016	Hellfire	4	0
25/08/2016	Brimstone	3	2
11/09/2016	Paveway	3	0
17/09/2016	Hellfire	14	3
03/10/2016	Paveway	3	0
04/10/2016	Hellfire	2	0
06/10/2016	Paveway	1	0
05/11/2016	Hellfire	1	0
Total		188	12