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Thank you for your email of 20 January 2016 which requested the following information:-

'How many members of Isis/ Daesh have been killed and injured as a result of RAF airstrikes in Syria since they were sanctioned by the House of Commons in December 2015?

Of that number, could you break down 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).

Since December 2015 UK military air activity has contributed to the Coalition's aim of disrupting and degrading Daesh military infrastructure, logistics and revenue streams inside Syria. This includes targeting oil infrastructure and enabling equipment under Daesh control, helping to reduce their ability to profit from selling oil to fund their activities. We have also targeted Daesh's military equipment and infrastructure, including vehicles, defensive fighting positions firing on friendly forces, a tunnel complex, weapons stores and a command and control centre.

We estimate that 7 Daesh combatants have been killed or wounded as a result of RAF airstrikes in Syria between 2 December 2015 and 29 January 2016. Please note we are unable to verify this information because the UK cannot visit strike sites and conduct detailed investigations on the ground in Syria. Consequently the number of combatants killed and/or wounded cannot be determined categorically. It is an estimated figure only.

Daesh casualties broken down by location and munitions type can be found in the table below.

| Date | Attack in the vicinity of | Daesh Killed/ Wounded | Weapon Type |
|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 25/12/15 | Ar Raqqah | 1 | Hellfire |
| 25/12/15 | Tabqa | 2 | Hellfire |
| 11/1/16 | Al Busayrah | 2 | Hellfire |
| 15/1/16 | Umm Num Rah | 2 | Paveway IV |

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Yours sincerely,
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