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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2015 asking for Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) statistics in response to Russian military aircrafts in the vicinity of UK airspace, and Russian military vessels entering the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone. You requested the following information:

First, I would like statistics of the number of times, between 1 January 2000 and 31 July 2015, that the RAF's Quick Reaction Alert was launched in response to Russian military aircrafts in the vicinity of UK airspace.

Second, I would like statistics of the number of times, between 1 January 2000 and 31 July 2015, that Russian military vessels entered the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone.

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 for the number of days UK Typhoon aircraft launched in response to Russian military aircraft which is shown in the table below:

Year	Number of days QRA launched in response to Russian military aircraft
2005	4
2006	1
2007	19
2008	11
2009	11
2010	7
2011	10
2012	9
2013	8
2014	8
2015*	6

- 1 Jan-31 Jul 2015 only

Information prior to 2005 is not held.

In response to your second question I must advise you that following a search of paper and electronic records by the Royal Navy the information requested in respect of Russian military vessels in the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone is not held.

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.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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