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We refer to 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 civilian casualties 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).

Firstly, we would wish to offer our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you. It was our intention to answer this request as a combined response with your request reference FOI2015/07143, and which we answered on 11 September 2015. This did not happen, and the oversight is very much regretted.

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we would confirm that we have no reason to believe that there have been any civilian casualties as a result of UK airstrikes against ISIS targets in Iraq since September 2014.

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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