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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 22 October 2018 in which you requested the following information:

For each calendar year from 2010 to 2018 to date

How many times has the Royal Navy had to intercept Russian military ships?

How many times have RAF aircraft had to intercept Russian military aircraft - known as Quick Response Aircraft launches?

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. Please see below the information you have requested:

Year	Number of Days QRA was launched in response to Russian military aircraft	Number of Occasions that RN Ships were Activated in response to Russian Navy ships approaching UK territorial waters
2010	7	1
2011	10	4
2012	9	8
2013	8	12
2014	8	11
2015	8	14
2016	5	20
2017	3	33
2018	5*	26

Note: * Figure from 1 January to 31 October 2018

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Yours sincerely

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