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Thank you for your email of 26 May 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

“The Iraq Medal was valid between 20 January 2003 until qualification ceased on 22 May 2011 (JSP 761 V.5, p. 8A-1 refers).

Were any UK Service personnel, who had met the then extant published medal criteria, awarded the Iraq Medal after 22 May 2011?”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that a search for the requested information has been conducted and all information in scope of your request is held and provided below.

JSP 761 V.5, p. 8A-1 published Oct 2016 defines two distinct qualifying period end dates for the Iraq Medal. The majority of Service personnel would have to have qualified for their Iraq Medal by 22 May 2011. However, those serving as part of the UK military contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Iraq could qualify up until 21 December 2011. There were 913 successful applications with Iraq Medals being despatched after 22 May 2011, this is excluding replacements.

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Yours sincerely,

DBS Secretariat Team

