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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 June 2020 asking for details the RAF's Quick Reaction Alert activity. Specifically, you requested the following information:

"The number of days on which Quick Reaction Alerts (QRA) were launched a) in response to Russian military aircraft and b) in response to other aircraft in January, February, March, April, May, June 2020 and up to the date of your response to this request"

I am treating your correspondence as requests 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 requested and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held. The number of days on which the RAF's QRA typhoon aircraft were launched between 1 January and 30 June 2020 inclusive, is given in the table below.

No. of days QRA was launched	In response to Russian military aircraft	In response to others
6	5	1


If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely


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