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Dear Mr Castle

Thank you for your email of 3rd January requesting the following information:

'Please confirm the number of air incursions that have been recorded at RAF Gibraltar in 2020 If possible, broken into those of civilian or military Spanish/other aircraft.'

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

During the period 1 Jan 20 - 31 Dec 20 inclusive, the following Air Incursions as defined in the Chicago Convention were identified in the airspace above Gibraltar and its territorial waters:

Total: 126

Spanish Military Air Incursions: 37

• Spanish Other Government Agencies (OGA): 74

• Other: 15

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Yours sincerely

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