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Dear Xxxxxxxx

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 January, in which you ask for information on staff employed by the Identity and Passport Service (IPS) in Wales. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your questions and the IPS responses are detailed below:-

1) the total number of staff employed (headcount and FTE) by the IPS within Wales as at 31 December 2010;

The total headcount is 349 with an FTE of 311.19

(2) the proportion of the above who fall within Senior Civil Service grades;

There are no Senior Civil Servant grades employed by IPS within Wales.

(3) a breakdown of the overall IPS Wales staffing figure by workplace;

Office	FTE	Head
Aberystwith ION	1.56	4
Newport ION	8	9
Swansea ION	6	6
Wrexham ION	6.07	7
Area ION	2	2
Group ION	1	1
Newport Regional Passport Office	286.56	320
Grand total	311.19	349

(4) projected staffing figures for the IPS in Wales for the 2011/12 financial year and (if available) for 2014/15; and

IPS does not hold the information which you have requested. Projected staffing figures have not yet been formulated and are still subject to ongoing work and consultation with PCS and other stakeholders.

(5) the number of external contractors (if any) being employed by the IPS within Wales on 31 December 2010.

There were no external contractors being employed by IPS within Wales on 31st December 2010.

In keeping with the Freedom of Information Act, we assume that all information can be released to the public unless it is exempt. In line with normal practice we are therefore releasing the information which you requested via the IPS website.

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that IPS holds.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference FOICR 17528. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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