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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 14 April 2016 requesting the following information:

'I do have one question regarding the answer to question 3 regarding DGE, TMs receiving a golden hello in 2012. The answer states that none benefited when I know that at least one of the 4 (Named Individual) did benefit from the golden hello incentive, as did all TM entrants prior to 2012.

As such the question would be "what scheme was available to a minority of TMs during 2012?" Or "why did 4 TMs (presumably 3 from 2012, 1 in 2013) out of the specialisation not receive a golden hello?" Or alternatively, "is there any scope that the source is inaccurate given the incorrect answer?"

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested and the response is provided below:

Our records confirm that the named individual referred to above joined the service in February 2012, in Financial Year 2011/12 in which the Golden Hello applied. Anyone joining after 31st March 2012, i.e. after the end of Financial Year 2011/12 would not be eligible for the Golden Hello.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk).

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Yours sincerely

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