

**FOI Release**  
***Information released under the Freedom of Information Act***

**Title: Inward Secondments within BIS**

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**Information request**

How many personnel working under your remit are seconded from outside organisations or companies, and which organisations or companies do they come from?

Please can you name the organisations and companies and provide the number of people seconded from each organisation or company.

**Information released**

There are currently (June 2014) 35 people seconded to the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). The organisations and companies they are seconded from are listed below in Annex A.

We have withheld a breakdown of the number of people seconded from each organisation or company as to do so could reveal the identities of individuals. Section 40 of the Act provides an absolute exemption for personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act. Personal data of third parties can only be disclosed in accordance with the data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be fair and lawful and must comply with one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act. We do not think that it is fair to release a breakdown of the number of people seconded from each organisation or company and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

We can neither confirm nor deny that BIS holds any further information relating to secondments from the security bodies listed in section 23(3) of the Act, as the duty to comply with section 1(1)(a) of the Act does not apply by virtue of section 23(5). Section 23(5) is an absolute exemption and no public interest consideration is required.

## Annex A

### Home Organisations of Inward Secondees currently within BIS (June 2014)

| Home organisation seconded from                              |
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| Airbus   |
| BAE Systems  |
| Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) |
| Centrica plc   |
| Chase Cooper Ltd   |
| Citi Group   |
| Clifford Chance  |
| Construction Industry Council (CIC)                          |
| Deloitte   |
| Detica Limited   |
| Freshfields  |
| Greater London Authority                                     |
| Institution of Engineering and Technology                    |
| KPMG   |
| Macquarie Bank Limited                                       |
| Manchester New Economy                                       |
| MBDA UK Ltd  |
| National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL)                            |
| Nuvia UK   |
| PA Consulting Group  |

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| Home organisation seconded from               |
| Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP                   |
| RBS   |
| Reed Elsevier                                 |
| Rolls - Royce                                 |
| Scottish Environment Protection Agency        |
| Slaughter & May                               |
| UK Shared Business Services Ltd               |
| UK Commission for Employment & Skills (UKCES) |
| University of Greenwich                       |