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Our ref: FOI 2015/15730

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Dear

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 24 July 2015 in which you requested the following information:

My request relates to personnel from external organisations who have been seconded to work at the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

How many have there been in the period from 6 May 2010 till now? Please state how many of this total are part-time or full time.

For each of these secondees, I would like to ask:

- 1. their full name;*
- 2. their job title;*
- 3. the name of the organisation or body they have been seconded from;*
- 4. the group, directorate or branch of your department they work in;*
- 5. a brief description of their area of responsibility while on secondment to the department;*
- 6. the position of the official within your department to whom the secondees report;*
- 7. the dates on which they started the secondment;*
- 8. the dates on which they ended their secondment;*
- 9. Any records kept on the approximate value of (i.e. the cost to the department) such secondments to the department.*

I would like to limit my request to the period since 6 May 2010.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you have requested; and
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) holds the information that you have requested:

3. Name of organisation or body they have been seconded from.
4. Group, directorate or branch of your department they work in.
7. Dates on which they started the secondment.

8. Dates on which they ended their secondment.

Much of the information that you are requesting has been disclosed in previous Freedom of Information responses which are available on our website. These are:

- [FOI 15/02666](#)
- [FOI 15/04656](#)

Therefore some of the information you have requested is already in the public domain and is exempt under Section 21 of the Act, as we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. Data used for previous FOI requests does not include part-time/full-time information.

Data from March 2015 to the present is included at Annex A below.

Some information constitutes personal data and has been withheld. This refers to parts 1 (Full name) and 9 (salary). 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 the names of junior members of staff or their salaries and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

I confirm that the information for parts 2 (job titles), 5 (description of their area of responsibility) and 6 (position of the official within the department to whom the secondees reports) is not held centrally by the department.

Appeals Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
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E-mail: foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

DECC Management Information

Annex A

People on Secondment into DECC since March 2015

Organisation From	DECC Directorate	DECC Group	Secondment Start Date	Secondment End Date	Full Time/Part Time
Shell UK	Oil and Gas Authority	Oil and Gas Authority Agency	01-Mar-2015	01-Oct-2015	Full Time
Centre for Environmental Policy	Science and Innovation	Science and Innovation	01-Mar-2015	31-Dec-2015	Part Time
Intergen	Security of Electricity Supply	Markets & Infrastructure	16-Mar-2015	25-Feb-2016	Full Time
Nuclear Graduates	Strategy and Radiocative Waste	International, Science and Resilience	13-Jul-2015	29-Jan-2016	Full Time
Energus	Nuclear Security	International, Science and Resilience	13-Jul-2015	13-Mar-2016	Full Time