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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Request 13/0396**

Thank you for your email dated 24 March 2013 where you requested the following:

*"Question 1 - Details of the numbers of staff who have failed any of the following security checks: a) Baseline Check; b) Security Check Enhanced and c) Developed Vetting. Please note that by "numbers of staff" I do not necessarily mean current staff. I also include staff who have since left the department.*

*Question 2 - In each case (where possible within confines of the act) please list the following: a) the rank or job title of the member of staff who failed the check b) the year of the check that staff member failed c) the nationality of the staff member who failed the check d) what the outcome was of failing to pass the check (eg was the staff member dismissed, did he resign) and e) whether the person who failed the test is still employed by the department.*

*I would like details since the checks were introduced please. NB If the "in each case" questions are difficult to answer (for example, you think they might go over FOI cost limits, or meet one of the Act's criteria for exemptions) then please do not fail to respond to the main part - and most important part - of my request - Question 1".*

Our response is:

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) was formed in October 2008. As at 8 April 2013, no potential members of DECC staff had failed the Baseline Personnel Security Standard check. No DECC staff failed a Security Check (Enhanced) or Developed Vetting.

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 request and should be addressed to the DECC Information Rights Unit ([foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

Please remember to quote the reference number in the subject heading 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 faithfully,

Infrastructure and Information Services