



Ref no: 13/0259

21 March 2013

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2013 where you requested the following information:

... read a story in the Guardian regarding the number of people working for the nuclear industry that have been seconded to Government (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2013/feb/20/rwe-npower-nuclear-subsidies-warning?INTCMP=SRCH>) and was wondering if you had any details to hand regarding how many people are on secondment from the other energy sectors.

The question submitted on 'the number of people working for the nuclear industry that have been seconded to Government' is incorrect. Can this please be changed to state 'the number of people working for each energy sector that have been seconded to Government'?

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Under 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).

People on Secondment to DECC from outside organisations

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has responded to a number of Freedom of Information requests on the topic of people who have been seconded from organisations outside of government. Three of the most recent responses which show the company that they have come from and other data, which is detailed below, have been published on our Internet website. These can be viewed using the links shown in the table below.

FOI Ref No.	Hyperlink to website response and description of response
12/0835	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/secondments-in-decc-foi-request-12-0835</p> <p>This response details the organisation that the secondee has come from, the duration of the secondment and the business area that they are working on in DECC.</p>

12/1402	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/12-1402-secondments-to-decc This response details the organisation that the secondee has come from and whether the secondment is funded by DECC or the parent organisation.
12/1584	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/12-1584-secondments-into-decc This response details the job title, the length of the secondment, the business area that they are working on in DECC and the title of the post that they were reporting to.

As at 28 February 2013, there were 14 people currently working in DECC who are on secondment from an organisation outside of government. At [Annex A](#), there is a summary of the total number of people who are or who have worked in DECC on secondment from an organisation outside of government since October 2008 when DECC was created.

We can neither confirm nor deny that DECC holds any information relating to secondments from the security bodies listed in section 23(3), 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.

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 addressed to the Security & Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk).

Security & Information Rights Unit
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET

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 Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Summary of people who are or have been on secondment to DECC since October 2008

Organisation	Number
Bright Futures NZ LIMITED	1
Carbon Trust	8
Carbon War Room	1
Carillion PLC	1
Central Office of Information	2
Centrica Energy	1
Childrens Schools and Families	1
ConocoPhillips (UK) Ltd	1
Costain Limited	1
Deloitte LLP	1
Durham University	1
EDF	1
Elexon Ltd	1
Energus	2
Energy People Ltd	1
EnergySolutions	1
Environment Agency	3
Ernst and Young	1
GAP	1
Health & Safety Executive	4
Identity and Passport Service	1
Insolvency Services	1
Jacobs Engineering	1
KPMG LLP	1
Legal Services Commission	2
MCA	1
McGrigors LLP	1
Met Office	1
Mount Wellington Mine Ltd	1
National Audit Office	2
National Grid	5
National Nuclear Laboratory	1
Nuclear Graduates Scheme GENII	2
Office of Fair Trading	2
Office of Rail Regulation	1
OFGEM	18
Pcubed	1
Pinsent Masons LLP	2
Policy Studies Institute	1
RET - Australia	1
Rolls Royce	3
RWE Npower Renewables	1
Scottish Government	1
SDC	1

Organisation	Number
Shell	2
Tribunals Service	1
UCL Energy Institute	1
Welsh Government	1
Committee on Climate Change	3
ESB International	1
Intellectual Property Office	2
London Borough of Havering Council	1
National Policing Improvement Agency	2
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	1
Grand Total	101