

FOI Release

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Title: BIS business appointment applications by all grades since 2010 & the number of declines

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Information request

Number of business appointment applications that have been made by Department for Business civil servants of all grades since 2010 and how many of them have been declined

Information released

The total number of Business Appointment applications which have been submitted from all grades in the Department Of Business Innovation and Skills since 2010 to date is 68.

Out of the **68** applications received:

1 was withdrawn

12 were approved unconditionally

31 were approved with a six months lobbying restriction

18 were approved with a twelve months lobbying restriction and 2 of these 18 were given an additional **3** months waiting period

6 were approved with a twenty four months lobbying restriction.

Lobbying in this context means that “the former civil servant should not engage in communication with Government - including Ministers, special advisers and officials - with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted”.