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**Our ref:** RFI 5734  
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Dear,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: SECONDMENTS TO AND FROM THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLDS**

Thank you for your request for information about secondments to and from the Royal Households, which we received on 22 August 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

*"I would like to make a request for information under the freedom of information act. Please could you provide details of any and all secondments to your department or a related quango and public body under your aegis of employees from any of the royal households including, but not exclusively, Clarence House, the Duchy of Cornwall and Buckingham Palace. It should also include all placements and secondments from the Duchy of Cornwall and the staff of Prince William and Kate, Prince Harry, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward, and the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh.*

*Please could you list all such placements and secondments since 2010, the terms of the secondment (including who paid salaries), the unit or units the person was or is working in, their responsibilities, their grade if possible, and the length of time of the secondment.*

*Also please supply details of any secondments from your department to any of the above royal households and staffs with the same information about the placement, since the election 2010."*

The information you requested is as follows:



**Secondments from the Royal Households to Defra:**

<b>Ref Number</b>	<b>Terms of Secondment</b>	<b>Unit Worked In</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Period of Secondment</b>
1.	Prince of Wales Office paid salary	Defra	Policy Advisor	HEO	14 months (19/1/12 – 22/3/13)

**Secondments from Defra to the Royal Households:**

<b>Ref Number</b>	<b>Terms of Secondment</b>	<b>Unit Worked In</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Period of Secondment</b>
2.	Defra paid salary	Private Secretary's Office, Buckingham Palace	Research and Planning Officer	HEO	16 months (18/5/11 – 16/9/12)
3.	Defra paid salary	Private Secretary's Office, Buckingham Palace	Correspondence Clerk	AO	3 months (2/4/12- 29/6/12)
4.	Defra paid salary	Prince of Wales Office	Senior Research & Project Officer to Deputy Private Secretary	SEO	8 months (9/7/12 – 27/3/13)
5.	Defra paid salary	Prince of Wales Office	Not known	HEO	13 months from election (16/7/07 – 31/8/11)

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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