

Ref no: 13/0636

19 June 2013

Thank you for your email of 20 May 2013 where you requested the following information:

*I would like to request a list of all staff who have been seconded to DECC from 1 January 2010 to the present day from the following organisations:*

- \* KPMG
- \* Ernst & Young
- \* PWC
- \* Deloitte

*For each person, I would like to request their:*

- *job title*
- *the department they work in*
- *the company/organisation they have been seconded from (i.e. their employer)*
- *a brief job description*
- *the start and end dates of the secondment*
- *the amount the department is paying for them*

### 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 from named organisations

I can confirm that between 1 January 2010 and 20 May 2013 two people have been seconded to the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) from the above organisations. The details of these secondments are shown in the table below.

Organisation from	Group within DECC	Directorate within DECC	Job Title	Job Description	Dates of secondment
Deloitte	Energy Markets & Infrastructure	Energy Markets Design	Policy Advisor	Working on International electricity generation & electricity supply, Electricity markets	July 2010 – April 2012
Ernst and	Energy	Energy	Advisor,	Working as	March 2011

Young	Markets & Infrastructure	Markets Design	OFGEM review	part of the internal DECC team conducting the review of Ofgem's regulatory role, providing expertise on energy market regulation.	– May 2011
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I can confirm that DECC was meeting the salary costs of both people whilst they were on secondment to DECC and that these costs were reimbursed to their employer. We consider the salary details of people working on secondment into DECC to be personal information which is being withheld under section 40 of the Act, as the information constitutes third party data. 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 salary details of people on secondment into DECC and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

### **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](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

Security & Information Rights Unit  
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills  
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London  
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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.