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Thank you for your email of 27 August 2013 where you requested the following information:

*The number, if any, of DECC staff who have been seconded to any of the "Big Six" energy companies (npower, E.ON, Scottish Power, SSE, EDF or Centrica) since May 2010.*

*If any staff have been seconded, I would like to know:*

*:: The department they work in;*

*:: The company to which they have been seconded;*

*:: A brief description of their secondment role;*

*:: The start and end dates of the secondment;*

*:: Who is paying their salary during the period of the secondment.*

*I also wish to know the number, if any, of employees of the Big Six (as set out above) who have been seconded to work within DECC since May 2010. For any staff seconded I would like to know:*

*:: The department with DECC to which they have been seconded;*

*:: The company from which they are seconded;*

*:: A brief description of their secondment role;*

*:: The start and end dates of the secondment;*

*:: Who is paying their salary during the period of the secondment.*

### **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).

I can confirm that the Department holds information falling within the terms of your request.

I can confirm that no staff from Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) have been seconded to any of the “Big 6” energy companies as set out in your request since May 2010.

Two (2) staff who have been seconded from the “Big 6” energy companies to work in DECC since May 2010. The details that you have requested about their period of time in DECC is set out at [Annex A](#).

DECC does not pay the salary of those people on secondment from outside organisations. However, where DECC does make a contribution towards their salary costs, we have given an indication of the level of contribution made for each secondee.

### **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 Information Rights Unit ([foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)  
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills  
1 Victoria Street  
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.

**People who have been seconded to DECC since May 2010 from “Big 6” energy companies**

Job Title	Group	Directorate	Branch	Organisation From	Duration of secondment	Salary Contribution
Head of Grid Management Strategy	Energy Markets & Infrastructure	Energy Strategy, Networks & Markets	Energy Strategy, Networks & Markets	Centrica Energy	Jun 12 - Jun 14	DECC does not meet salary costs
Policy Advisor	Science & Evidence Group	Science and Innovation	Science and Innovation	EDF	Nov 10 - May 11	DECC made a contribution to salary costs