

Ref no: 13/1306

30 September 2013

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

- 1. How many days on average were staff in each pay grade absent from work as a result of ill health in each of the last three financial years?*
- 2. What was the total number of days lost in each pay grade as a result of ill health absence in each of the last three financial years?*

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.

The Average Working Days Lost as a result of ill health in each pay grade, in each of the last 3 financial years, is shown in the table below.

	Apr 10 - Mar 11	Apr 11 - Mar 12	Apr 12 - Mar 13
AO	7.1	7.4	8.7
EO	7.2	7.5	5.9
HEO	3.2	3.8	3.5
SEO	4.5	3.6	8.7
Grade 7	2.8	2.3	3.2
Grade 6	2.4	1.8	0.7
SCS	0.6	2.4	0.1
DECC Average	3.6	3.6	2.7

The total number of working days lost as a result of ill health in each pay grade, in each of the last 3 financial years, is shown in the table below.

	Apr 10 - Mar 11	Apr 11 - Mar 12	Apr 12 - Mar 13
AO	561.5	575.5	660.5
EO	816	958.5	765.5
HEO	939.5	1215.5	867
SEO	608	604	638
Grade 7	928	887	578
Grade 6	353.5	327.5	298
SCS	56	218	11
DECC Total	4262.5	4786	3818

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).

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