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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: SECONDEES FROM ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS

Thank you for your request for information about secondees from accountancy firms, which we received on 30 July 2014. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

"I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible

1. How many individuals were seconded from external accountancy firms, at different times, to your department in:

a. 2013

b. first 6 months of 2014

(If you count financial years please provide in that format)

2. a. How long did each of these secondments last and

b. which accountancy firms did each secondee come from?"

There have been no secondees into core Defra from external accountancy firms in either 2013 or the first six months of 2014.

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

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