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Title: Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship Scheme

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Information request

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2. Apprentices in the department broken down by year from the scheme's creation.
3. Annual leave entitlements for an Apprentice within your department.
4. Contracted hours per week.
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For avoidance of doubt questions refer to "Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship Scheme":
<https://www.gov.uk/civil-service-apprenticeships>

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The relevant salary scale is £20,369 - £24,461 (National) and £23,869 - £27,961 (London).

2. Apprentices in the department broken down by year from the scheme's creation.

Six Civil Service Fast Track Apprentices were appointed in September 2013.

3. Annual leave entitlements for an Apprentice within your department.

They are entitled to 30 days annual leave per annum.

4. Contracted hours per week.

They are contracted to work 41 hours per week in London or 42 hours nationally.

5. From the onset of the scheme how many Apprentices have been dismissed.

No apprentices have been dismissed since the start of the scheme.

6. From the onset of the scheme how many Apprentices have resigned.

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