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Thank you for your email of 1st May 2014 requesting the following information:

How many workplace nurseries were available to staff in your organisation
(i) 2010, (ii) 2013-14 and (iii) 2014-15?

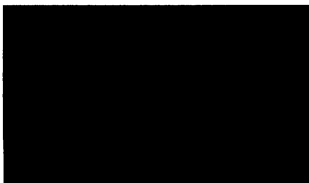
We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A request under the Act can be made by any individual, and as this request comes from a Parliamentarian, you must receive a Ministerial reply. I am replying as the Minister responsible for Dstl. I apologise for the delay in response.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

Dstl recognises the importance of supporting working parents by providing help with the costs of childcare and operates two schemes, the Pre-School Voucher Scheme and the Salary Sacrifice Voucher Scheme.

Dstl does not have a workplace nursery for the years listed. However, we have an agreement with Public Health England (PHE) to access 12 places within their nursery on the Porton campus, which is managed by Bright Horizons. This is funded by the schemes above.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk).



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Dunne'.

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