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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 17 September in which you requested the following information:

Can you please provide a copy of any policies, authorities, guidelines or directives relating to the recruitment, management and determination of conditions of service for staff who are directly employed by the MOD but who are not Civil Servants, Service Personnel, or political appointments (e.g. Ministers etc).

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD). The department categorises the following as directly employed by the MOD but who are not civil servants, service personnel, or political appointments (e.g. Ministers):

- Public Appointees in Non Departmental Public Bodies (NDPB)
- Non Executive Directors (NED) e.g. Board Chairmen and Committee/Panel Members

In regard to your request, the information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA, because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The Commissioner for Public Appointments Code of Practice found at: <http://publicappointmentscommissioner.independent.gov.uk/the-code-of-practice/> sets out the regulative framework for Public Appointments.

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). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>. I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Personnel Secretariat