



Ministry
of Defence

Defence Business Services

Secretariat Team

Room 6303

Tomlinson House

Norcross

Thornton-Cleveleys

Lancashire FY5 3WP

E-mail: DBSRES-Secretariat@mod.uk

Ref: FOI2016/01989

[REDACTED]

29 February 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 February 2016 requesting the following information:

You say "The Department is shortly due to publish data regarding Business Appointment applications for the period from May 2015-December 2015".

The ICO guidance on FOI compliance says:

"14. If only some of the requested information is exempt, then the authority will still have to comply with its section 1(1) duties in respect to any information which is not covered promptly and within 20 working days."

You should therefore disclose the data from May 2015-December 2015 to me as soon as possible.

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

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the Ministry of Defence. The information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because it is already reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The data regarding Business Appointment applications for the period from May 2015-December 2015 has now been published and can be found using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-business-appointment-rules-may-to-december-2015>

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.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)