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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email 17 February, requesting the following information.

"I would like to request the following information. For new appointments requiring security clearance by Defence Business Services between 1 January – 31 December 2015, how many were filled by individuals with pre-existing clearances?"

Please break down the information as follows:

- 1. How many security check (SC) roles were filled with new appointments?*
- 2. How many developed vetting (DV) roles were filled with new appointments?*
- 3. How many of the SC roles were filled by employees, and how many were filled by contractors?*
- 4. How many of the DV roles were filled by employees, and how many were filled by contractors?*
- 5. Of the SC roles filled by employees, how many of the candidates had a pre-existing clearance when applying for the role?*
- 6. Of the SC roles filled by contractors, how many of the candidates had a pre-existing clearance when applying for the role?*
- 7. Of the DV roles filled by employees, how many of the candidates had a pre-existing clearance when applying for the role?*
- 8. Of the DV roles filled by contractors, how many of the candidates had a pre-existing clearance when applying for the role?*

Your refined request was received on 2 March, which confirmed you would not require Armed Forces personnel as a separate category and are content for the figures to be presented in financial year."

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, and I can confirm that all of the information in scope of your refined request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in the following table and shows the total number of Clearances awarded by Security check (SC)/ Developed Vetting (DV);

Initial/Review and MOD Civilian/ Contractor between 31 March 2015 and 29 February 2016.

Clearance Level & Type	MOD Civilian / Contractor	By Level / Type /Employment
SC Initial	Civilian	4,140
	Contractor	26,020
SC Review	Civilian	1,975
	Contractor	7,580
DV Initial	Civilian	1,090
	Contractor	1,650
DV Review	Civilian	920
	Contractor	1,055
Total number of cases completed		44,425

In line with Defence Statistics rounding policy, all figures have been rounded to the nearest 5.

It may be helpful if I explain that the "Initial type" is a first application for a vetting clearance, this can be on recruitment or when the post requirement is amended to include a security clearance. A "Review type" is when the individual already holds a security clearance at the required level but is about to reach the expiry date.

The Ministry of Defence Contractor figures include all personnel who work on a Ministry of Defence site, who are none military or a Civil Servant such as cleaners, window cleaners, builders etc. The reason for the high volumes of contractual figures is that these fields of employment have a high turnover of staff compared to Civil Servants.

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,



Acting Head of Secretariat