

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** External Appointments: Business Appointment Rules Applications

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**Information request**

I would like to know over the last 5 financial years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014- to date:

- The number of employees who have moved from the Civil Service to the private sector.
- The sector employees moved into - e.g. tax, accountancy, strategy, consulting. (Please give an indication of the specialist area - which presumably is known to judge conflict of interest)
- The number at each seniority/grade who moved
- The number of people who have been refused permission to move.

I am interested in junior administrators (or equivalent) and above.

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The Department does not hold details of the future employment arrangements of all employees leaving BIS. The Department therefore does not hold the information you have requested on the number of employees who have moved from the Civil Service to the private sector.

The Business Appointment Rules (BAR) apply to all employees leaving BIS. As a result, if an employee wishes to take up an appointment that falls within the scope of the BAR the Department abides by the requirements of those rules.

Data on applications under the BAR rules each year from BIS employees or former employees are given below. Table 1 gives a breakdown by grade and is based on applicants i.e individuals. Table 2 gives a breakdown by sector and is therefore based on the number of applications received. Individuals can submit more than one application, and can therefore cover more than one sector.

**Table 1: Applicants by year and grade**

Grade	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 (as at March 2015)
SCS PB3 and above	5	1	3	0	2
SCS PB2	4	3	4	3	7
SCS PB1	6	1	2	2	3
Other Grades	9	14	6	4	4
<b>Total Applicants</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Applications</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>

**Table 2: Applications by year and sector**

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 (as at March 2015)
Consultancy	4	6	3	1	6
Financial services	9	2	3		5
Science/Engineering/Technology		2		4	5
Telecoms	1	1			
Manufacturing	2	1		2	
Pharmaceuticals			1		
Retail				1	
Construction	1				1
Waste	1				
Legal services	1				
Business services	1	1		1	
Tourism			1		
Trade Association	3	1		1	
Economic Research/Consultancy	1			1	3
Charity			2	3	2
Education/ training	1	5	5	6	1
Other public sector e.g. NDPB		4			3
<b>Total applications</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>

The Department has not found it necessary to prevent any individual from taking up an external appointment.

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (ACOBA) publishes information about the operation of the rules, including details of appointments approved by ACOBA and taken up. This is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/appointments-taken-up-by-former-crown-servants>