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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 12 February, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I would like the information relating to the following questions for each of the calendar years 2012; 2013 and 2014.

On how many occasions have immigration officials or representatives of other law enforcement agencies visited your department's premises to investigate allegations that illegal or suspected illegal immigrants were working on those premises, either as employees, contractors or casual staff?

For each occasion, please state

- a) the investigating agency, for example UK Border Force, Revenue & Customs etc*
- b) the number of illegal and/or suspected illegal immigrants under investigation*
- c) a summary of the roles of the illegal and/or suspected illegal immigrants*
- d) the location and type of the premises*
- e) if suspected and/or illegal immigrants were discovered to be working on your premises*
- f) what action was taken against your organisation, eg fine or prosecution*
- g) the month/year of the visit."*

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 MOD, and I can confirm that no information is held in scope of your request about the number of visits made by immigration officials or representatives of other law enforcement agencies to investigate alleged/ suspected illegal immigrants on MOD premises.

It may be helpful if I explain that it is the Government's policy that all Departments and the organisations/companies that work for them, include in their recruitment process certain basic background checks. These checks include verification of an applicant's identity, employment history, their right to work in the United Kingdom and a check of any unspent criminal convictions. This recruitment control is called the Baseline Personnel Security Standard and forms the basis of vetting. The following website links explain the Baseline Personnel Security Standard policy and may be of some help to you.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/365602/HMG_Baseline_Personnel_Security_Standard.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/299547/HMG_Personnel_Security_Controls.pdf

Finally, you may wish to contact the Home Office, as they may be able to assist you further with your enquiry.

Direct Communications Unit
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF
Email: foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

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,



Head of Secretariat