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Dear ██████████

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: SECONDMENTS TO AND FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 30 January 2015 about secondments to and from the private sector and charities. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The terms of your request and our response to each part of your request are as follows:

The number of civil servants from your department seconded to work in registered charities and private sector companies, their ranks and the names of their private sector 'host' companies:

This information is as follows:

Grade	Organisation	Status
Grade 7	GDF Suez E&P UK	Private sector
Grade 7	SERCO	Private sector
SEO	UK Financial Investments	Private sector
SEO	Behavioural Design Lab	Private sector
SEO	Civil Service Retirement Fellowship	Charity
HEO	Fairtrade Foundation	Charity

The number of registered charities and private sector company 'secondees' to your department, the names of the companies from which they were seconded, their job titles on secondment, the branch/group/directorate in which they have been placed, the duration of their secondment, an indication of who is paying their salary during their period of secondment:

This information is as follows:



Company	Status	Directorate	Start	End	Salary paid by
Veolia	Private sector	EU, International & CAP Reform	01-Jul-2013	30-Jun-2014	Defra
Anglian Water Services Ltd	Private sector	Water & Flood Management	03-Feb-2014	31-Jul-2014	Defra
Anglian Water Services Ltd	Private sector	Water & Flood Management	03-Feb-2014	29-Aug-2014	Defra
Severn Trent Water	Private sector	Water & Flood Management	25-Nov-2013	24-Nov-2014	Home organisation
Yorkshire Water Ltd	Private sector	Water & Flood Management	30-Jun-2014	31-Dec-2014	Home organisation
GDF Suez E&P UK	Private sector	Better Regulation, EU & International	08-Sep-2014	07-Sep-2015	Home organisation
Anglian Water Services Ltd	Private sector	Water & Flood Management	01-Sep-2014	27-Feb-2015	Home organisation
Severn Trent Water	Private sector	Water & Flood Management	12-Jan-2015	10-Jul-2015	Defra
Wessex Water	Private sector	Water & Flood Management	12-Jan-2015	10-Jul-2015	Home organisation
Thames Water Utilities Ltd	Private sector	Water & Flood Management	12-Jan-2015	10-Jul-2015	Home organisation

Information on the job title of secondees is not held by Defra.

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I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you. I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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Annex A

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Annex B

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to [REDACTED] Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

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