

FOI Release
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Title: Secondments into the Department

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Information request

My request relates to personnel from external organisations who have been seconded to work at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

For each of these secondees, I would like to ask:-

1. their full name;
2. their job title;
3. the name of the organisation or body they have been seconded from;
4. the group, directorate or branch of your department they work in;
5. a brief description of their area of responsibility whilst on secondment to the department;
6. the position of the official within your department to whom the secondee reports;
7. the dates on which they started the secondment;
8. the dates on which they ended their secondment;
9. whether the department makes a contribution towards the salary of the secondee.

Information released

I can confirm that the Department does hold the information you have requested. Details of job titles of the secondees into our Department are not held centrally. We estimate that complying with this part of your request would exceed the cost limit of £600 provided under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. This represents the estimated cost of spending 3.5 working days: (i) determining whether the department holds the information, and (ii) locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The Act provides that we are not obliged to comply with requests where the estimated cost of complying would exceed this limit. In order to find this information would mean contacting each relevant management unit to determine if this information is held. We estimate that it will take us in excess of 3.5 working days to determine if appropriate material is held and to locate, retrieve extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore,

this part of your request will not be processed further at this time. You may wish to consider refining this part of your request by narrowing its scope such as for a shorter timescale or for fewer secondees.

In terms of payment of salary for secondments into our Department, our policy is that we re-imburse their employer.

BIS considers the names of secondees working at a level below that of the Senior Civil Service (SCS) to constitute personal data and therefore this has been withheld. Section 40 of the Act provides an absolute exemption for personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act. Personal data of third parties can only be disclosed in accordance with the data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be fair and lawful and must comply with one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act. We do not think that it is fair to release the names of staff working below the level of SCS and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

The information, drawn from our central HR system, is attached as Annex A below.

Annex A

Secondees working in BIS from January 2013

Area of Responsibility	Organisation From	Group Name	Grade of Person reported to	Start Date	End Date
EMA- Green Economy	Nuvia Ltd	BLG - Business & Local Growth Group	Grade 7	01/04/2014	
Operational Delivery	MRC	MPS - Ministerial and Parliamentary Support Group	SEO	05/01/2015	
Partnerships & Business	PERA	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group	Grade 6	19/07/2010	31/03/2014
UKTI	BM TRADA Group Ltd	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group		28/02/2012	31/08/2014
UKTI	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group		19/04/2012	31/08/2014
UKTI	BBSRC	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group	Grade 6	11/01/2012	30/06/2014
UKTI	PA Consulting Group	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group	SCS	11/01/2013	31/12/2014
Energy and Transport	NNL	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group	Grade 7	26/04/2013	31/12/2014
UKTI	Macquarie Capital Group Ltd	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group	SEO	24/07/2013	07/02/2014
UKTI	Detica Limited	UKTI - UK		28/08/2013	

		Trade and Investment Group			
UKTI	Macquarie Bank Ltd	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group	SCS	07/04/2014	
UKTI	BAE Systems	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group		08/09/2014	
Senior NHS Lead	Medway NHS Foundation Trust	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group	Grade 6	27/10/2014	
Project Finance Regeneration Specialist	Macquarie Capital Group Ltd	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group			07/02/2014
UKTI	Detica Limited	UKTI - UK Trade and Investment Group			
Operational Delivery	Lazard			21/12/2012	23/07/2014
Operational Delivery	KPMG			03/06/2013	23/07/2014
Operational Delivery	Slaughter & May			01/07/2013	23/07/2014
Shareholder Executive	Slaughter & May			05/01/2015	
Shareholder Executive	Lazard		SCS	09/01/2015	
Government Office for Science	UKCDS	GOSC - Government Office for Science Group	Grade 6	01/07/2014	
Government Office for Science	BBSRC	GOSC - Government Office for Science Group		03/11/2014	
Innovation Policy	NATCO	KI - Knowledge & Innovation Group	SCS	06/10/2014	
Research Base - Research	Cambridge University	KI - Knowledge & Innovation	Grade 6	18/02/2013	

Councils Unit		Group			
Research Base - Research Councils Unit	STFC	KI - Knowledge & Innovation Group	Grade 6	30/07/2013	
UKTI	RCUK	KI - Knowledge & Innovation Group	Grade 6	26/04/2013	14/06/2013
RB- Research Strategy Unit	Liverpool University	KI - Knowledge & Innovation Group	Grade 6	08/10/2012	01/04/2013
Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO)	University of Greenwich	E&S - Enterprise & Skills Group	Grade D2	04/06/2012	
BRDO	Staffordshire County Council	E&S - Enterprise & Skills Group	Grade 6	06/10/2013	
BRDO	Surrey County Council	E&S - Enterprise & Skills Group		06/10/2014	
Board and Committee	Wirral Council	E&S - Enterprise & Skills Group	SEO	06/10/2014	
BRDO	Reading Borough Council	E&S - Enterprise & Skills Group		12/01/2015	
BRDO	Cornwall Council	E&S - Enterprise & Skills Group		06/10/2014	
BRDO	Bristol Council	E&S - Enterprise & Skills Group	Grade 6	22/08/2013	30/06/2014
BRDO	North West Leicestershire District Council	E&S - Enterprise & Skills Group		11/03/2013	31/03/2014