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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 1 August 2015, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"How many personnel currently working for your department are seconded from outside organisations or companies, and which organisations or companies do they come from?"

Please can you name the organisations and companies and provide the number of people seconded from each organisation or company."

On 13 August 2015, you provided the following clarification:

*"To clarify: 1:civilian personnel only
2:the central department"*

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 the information in scope of your request is held. However, in order to protect personal information governed by the Data Protection Act 1998, Section 40(2) of the FOI Act has been applied to some of the information by supplementing numbers less than 5 with a tilde (~). Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

As of 13 August 2015, there were a total of 9 civilian personnel currently working for the central department who were seconded from outside organisations or companies. The table below provides the numbers of civilian personnel seconded from each of the organisations and companies listed.

Company	Numbers*
AWE ¹	~
Babcock	~
BAE Systems	~
MSI Defence Systems	~
Rolls Royce	~
Selex Gallileo	~
Selex SE	~

* In line with departmental policy ~ represents 5 or fewer, values have been rounded to the nearest 5.

¹ AWE plc is owned by a consortium of Jacobs Engineering, Lockheed Martin UK and Serco through AWE Management Ltd who hold a 25-year contract (until March 2025) to operate AWE.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

