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Title: Details of secondments to BEIS – August 2016 to March 2017

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Information request

A list of individuals seconded to work at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy from August 1 2016 till March 1 2017.

Please include the name of the individual, their place of work, their brief and the period of time in which they were at BEIS.

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I have attached an excel spreadsheet showing the requested data for individuals seconded to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, for secondments that started between 1 August 2016 and 1 March 2017.

We have withheld the names of those working at a level below that of Senior Civil Service (SCS) under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (the Act) as it is personal information. Section 40(2) 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 provide the names of junior members of staff, and none of the relevant conditions apply here.