



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 February 2018 to the Ministry of Defence, requesting the following information about individuals who have been cleared to join the private sector. You asked:

*"For 2014-2018 (or the latest available years) how many Ministry of Defence officials, Department for International Trade officials, and how many military officers were cleared to join the private sector. Could the data be illustrated in a table, with one line per applicant showing: name of applicant, former position and seniority, length in service at the MOD/DfIT, conditions attached to employment, name of new employer, new position at new employer."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Ministry of Defence requires further information to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request.

I would be grateful if you would confirm what is meant by "cleared to join the private sector".

If you are referring to the post service business appointments, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to refer to the following information published on the gov.uk website:

[https://www.gov.uk/search?q=business+appointment+rules&show\\_organisations\\_filter=true&filter\\_organisations%5B%5D=ministry-of-defence](https://www.gov.uk/search?q=business+appointment+rules&show_organisations_filter=true&filter_organisations%5B%5D=ministry-of-defence)

In addition the business appointment rules are available on the gov.uk website at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/579758/Business\\_Appointment\\_Rules\\_for\\_civil\\_servants.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/579758/Business_Appointment_Rules_for_civil_servants.pdf)

Once I have received your clarification, I will be pleased to consider your request again.

I have assumed that you have sent a separate Freedom of Information request to the Department for International Trade. However, if you have not already done so you may wish to contact them at the following address:

Information Rights Unit  
The Department for International Trade  
1 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1H 0ET  
Email: [foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk)

Further information can be found on the gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-trade>

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)