



Ministry of Defence

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 15 March 2018 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in which you requested the following information:

I would like to make a request for the following data under the Freedom of Information Act.

Is there a stated rationale/policy for how a secondee from the private sector is paid, or how a secondee from the ministry into the private sector is paid? For example, most corporate secondees into the Ministry of Defence seem to be paid by the private sector, yet most secondees into the private sector are paid by the private sector.

Second, how does the ministry decide whether this constitutes improper financial support to the ministry and a potential conflict of interest?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). I can advise that following a search of our records, I have established that the MOD does hold information within the scope of your request.

Secondments between the Ministry of Defence and private sector organisations are undertaken on the basis that the secondee remains on the pay roll of their parent department/organisation. To do otherwise would have pension and tax implications for the individual involved. Costs for the secondment are normally billed on a monthly or quarterly basis.”

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,

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Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)
Defence People Secretariat