

FOI Release
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Title: Staffing of Brexit work

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Information request:

1. How many extra staff have been employed by the IPO to work primarily or specifically on Brexit preparations or policy?
2. How many staff have been seconded or transferred from other government departments or agencies to this department to work on Brexit?
3. How many staff have been seconded or transferred out of the IPO into other departments or agencies to work on Brexit?
4. How many of the staff currently within the IPO and working on Brexit are working primarily or specifically on preparations for a 'no deal' Brexit?

Information released:

The approach adopted by the Intellectual Property Office has been to absorb Brexit work or re-prioritise work where possible. In many cases, existing staff have worked on Brexit as part of their current role or for chunks of time, so the figures below represent an estimate as to what the additional resourcing for Brexit has amounted to.

Question 1: 10 x IT Contractors (not permanent IPO employees).

Question 2: 1 Full time equivalent (FTEs).

Question 3: We are not aware of any but do not record this on our systems.

Question 4: This has fluctuated but at the time of the request there were approximately 25 FTEs working on no deal scenario, some full time, others alongside other work.