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Thank you for your email of 22 June 2021 requesting the following information:

*I am looking for information regarding MOD personnel who have been seconded to work with companies in the defence sector. Please can you provide:*

*A list of all companies in the defence that MOD personnel have seconded to? Including numbers to each company*

*If this is not possible, a raw number of companies in the defence that MOD personnel have seconded to. To this request, please differentiate the number of companies within this that would be considered arms manufacturers.*

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

The Ministry of Defence requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. In particular, it would be useful to know:

- If your request relates to both Military and Civilian personnel? (please note that the Military do not second personnel, they deploy).
- If your request is for personnel employed by the MOD Main only or whether you wish to include the Departments Executive Agencies; Defence Electronics and Components Agency, Defence Equipment and Support, Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, Submarine Delivery Agency and UK Hydrographic Office?
- Whether you are only interested in personnel seconded to Strategic Supplier companies?
- The time period covered by your request.

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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). 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