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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 20 May 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about Civil Service resignations.

You requested the following information:

*“The Daily Mail on Friday 13 May 2022 reported that 91,000 civil service jobs will be axed. As of the end of Friday 20 May 2022, could you please tell me how many staff have quit or handed in their notice following that announcement?”*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm the information in scope of your request is held.

According to the information taken from MyHR, the human resource management software used by the MOD, 168 individual civilian staff either resigned or handed in notice to resign between 13 and 20 May 2022 inclusive.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Information and Assistance) it is important to note that this number is based on entries in the ‘Termination’ and ‘Notice of Termination’ data fields in MyHR. The results are based on resignation dates and the date that line managers’ have recorded Notifications of Resignation that they have received. The reason for resignation is not recorded on MyHR.

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.

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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

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