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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 2 April 2024 requesting the following information:

“Please may I request the following under FOI:

The number of MoD officials who joined the department before 7 May 2010 and remain there today, and the percentage this represents of all the department's current officials?”

Following a clarification request, you advised on 8 April 2024 *“I want the numbers of civil servants working for the MoD only.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held.

At 1 March 2024, there are 20,719 MOD civilian personnel who joined the department prior to the 7th May 2010, this represents 35.4% of all MOD civilian personnel employed at 1 March 2024.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to note the following:

Data includes MOD Civilian personnel in MOD Main and supporting Trading Funds and Executive Agencies; Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S), Defence Electronic Components Agency (DECA), DSTL, UK Hydrographic Organisation UKHO and Submarine Delivery Agencies (SDA). Data excludes Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) and Locally employed civilians (LEC).

Figures do not include MOD Civilian personnel who were employed prior to the 7th May 2010 and subsequently left and re-joined the department, as they have not remained for the entire time period requested.

The Ministry of Defence publishes a biannual Accredited Official Statistic publication which presents figures on the strengths, inflow and outflow of all civilian personnel employed by the Ministry of Defence. The last statistical release presents data at 1 October 2023 and can be found at [MOD biannual civilian personnel statistics: index - Gov.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/mod-biannual-civilian-personnel-statistics).

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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