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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of **3rd June 2026** containing your request for information. The Government Legal Department ("GLD") have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act", "FOIA")

Request

Dear Information Officer,
I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. The number of staff at Senior Civil Service grade, or SCS-equivalent grade/pay band, who are currently working under compressed hours arrangements.
2. The total number of staff employed by your organisation at Senior Civil Service grade, or SCS-equivalent grade/pay band.

For the purposes of this request, "compressed hours" means an arrangement where an employee works their full contracted weekly hours over fewer than the standard number of working days, such as working full-time hours over a four-day week or a nine-day fortnight.

If your organisation does not use Senior Civil Service grades, please provide the figures for the equivalent senior leadership grades, including directors, executive directors, chief officers, or staff paid at broadly SCS-equivalent bands.

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, GLD confirms that it holds the information you have requested.

As of 31 May 2026, there are 79 SCS graded staff employed by GLD working under compressed hours arrangements.

As of 31 May 2026, there are a total of 255 SCS graded staff employed by GLD

Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask GLD for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted to GLD within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original correspondence. Please use the contact details provided at the top of this letter in order to request an internal review relating to your original request.

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

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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