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Information Rights
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Freedom of Information: Right to know request.

Thank you for your request for information about Ofcom secondments.

We received this request on 11 December 2023 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”).

Your request and Our response

Could you please provide the following information about Ofcom staff secondments:

A full list of Ofcom employees that have undertaken secondments, including which organisations they were seconded to and for how long, covering the last three years. Please provide the information in the form of a PDF over email.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Please see below information relating to staff secondments over the last three years. We have not provided the names of staff seconded as we consider that this information is exempt from disclosure. This is by virtue of section 40(2) of the Act, which provides that personal information about persons other than the requester is exempt where its disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption under the FOI Act and does not require a public interest test.

Seconded Name	Company Name	months
Employee 1	DG CITIES	6
Employee 2	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport	11

Employee 3	Competition and Markets Authority	12
Employee 4	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport	11
Employee 5	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport	9
Employee 6	Compass Lexecon	7
Employee 7	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy	9
Employee 8	Creative Scotland	9
Employee 9	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport	8
Employee 10	Scottish Government	15
Employee 11	UK Regulators Network	7
Employee 12	Competition and Markets Authority	11
Employee 13	Competition and Markets Authority	25
Employee 14	Financial Conduct Authority	12
Employee 15	Competition and Markets Authority	26
Employee 16	Competition and Markets Authority	12
Employee 17	Competition and Markets Authority	11
Employee 18	Ofgem	6
Employee 19	Phone-paid Services Authority	35
Employee 20	UK Regulators Network	24
Employee 21	Channel 4 Corporation	12
Employee 22	Competition and Markets Authority	3
Employee 23	Competition and Markets Authority	18

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Information requests

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk.

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. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#).

Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF