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What Do They Know

Date: **14 April 2021**

Dear Mr Hai,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 10632361

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 12 March 2021 and processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

'How many staff will the new Belfast office have?

What are likely to be the yearly running costs?'

We can confirm that some of the information requested is held by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. I have detailed below the information.

How many staff will the new Belfast office have?

We have recently advertised the first 9 MHCLG roles in Northern Ireland to help implement new UK-wide investment programmes announced in the Budget, benefitting from local knowledge of projects coming forward and working closely with the Northern Ireland Executive and others to maximise investment opportunities.

The Government is committed to moving more civil servants out of London and closer to the communities they serve - including Northern Ireland. We will consider our plans to grow our presence there as needed.

What are likely to be the yearly running costs?

We are working with the Government Property Agency to identify a suitable location but do not have a location agreed and are therefore unable to provide annual costs.

I hope this information is helpful.

Complaints procedure

If you are unhappy with this response, we will review it and report back to you. (This is called an internal review.) If you want us to do this, let us know by return email within two months of receiving this response. You can also ask by letter addressed to:

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Yours sincerely

MHCLG FOI Team