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Dear Mr Kellard

Thank you for your enquiry of 29 January where you have requested statistical information on used Certificates of Sponsorship (CoS) for Tier 2 Intra Company Transfers (ICT) with a breakdown by employer and by the three most common Standard Occupation Codes (SOC) where the 'Job is on a client contact' criteria is applied to. This has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please see the three separately attached tables showing the following information.

- 1) Tier 2 ICT Used Certificates of Sponsorship for the period 1 January 2010 to 16 December 2010 with a breakdown by top three occupation codes, top 25 Employers and, from 6 April 2010, the number of ICT applied under categories Established Staff, Skills Transfer and Graduate Trainee within SOC.
- 2) Tier 2 ICT Used Certificates of Sponsorship for the period 1 January 2009 to 16 December 2010 with a breakdown by top three occupation codes and, from 6 April 2010, the number of ICT applied under categories Established Staff, Skills Transfer and Graduate Trainee within SOC.
- 3) Tier 2 ICT Used Certificates of Sponsorship for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 with a breakdown by top three occupation codes, top 25 Employers and, from 6 April 2010, the number of ICT applied under categories Established Staff, Skills Transfer and Graduate Trainee within SOC.

The figures quoted are not provided under National Statistics protocols and have been derived from local management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change.

I hope this is of help to you. If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 17651. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely,

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