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Dear Max Colbert,

Thank you for your email of 05 July where you requested the following information from the Department for International Trade (DIT):

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask:

1) Please list cuts made to your department/body between the years 2019-2021.

2) Please list any changes or cuts in the department that deals with FOI requests, or the entity which oversees this function.

3) Please outline if there have been cuts to personnel specifically in relation to those working on FOI teams.

Yours faithfully,

Hopefully this should be an easy extract for your finance team, however if this request is likely to exceed the cost exemption limit then please either reduce the scope to the last 3 yrs and/or focus on parts 2 & 3.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

- 1) Please list cuts made to your department/body between the years 2019-2021.

The Department for International Trade has not seen a reduction in either employee numbers or funding between 2019-2021.

- 2) Please list any changes or cuts in the department that deals with FOI requests, or the entity which oversees this function/ 3) Please outline if there have been cuts to personnel specifically in relation to those working on FOI teams.

The Knowledge and Information Management Unit is responsible for requests made under the Freedom of Information Act. There has been no reduction in employee numbers within the Knowledge and Information Management in the years 2019 to 2021; in April 2019 there were 16 posts, and by December 2020 there were 28 posts.

Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit:

Information Rights Unit
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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: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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