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Dear Ally Johnson,

Thank you for your email of 7 June where you requested the following information:

Dear Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy,

Please could you provide me with the following information for April 2017 and April 2018:

- 1a) The total number of interims/contractors/temporary employees directly engaged by the department.
- 1b) Of this number, for each month, the number that were determined inside or outside the scope of IR35?
- 2a). The total number of interims/contractors/temporary workers supplied to the department via a recruitment agency/business.
- 2b). Of this number, for each month, the number that were determined inside or outside the scope of IR35.

Yours faithfully,

Ally Johnson

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).

Section 12 of the Act is a provision which provides that a public authority is not obliged to comply with requests where the cost of complying would exceed a set limit known as the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Unfortunately, there is no central data/information repository holding the information required in the format that you have asked for. In order to provide you with the information it would require us to reconstruct historical data and information from multiple sources some of which may not exist given the lapse of time in the format requested.

We estimate that to comply with your request would exceed the appropriate limit. Therefore, your request will not be processed further at this time.

### **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  
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy  
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Email: [FOI.Requests@beis.gov.uk](mailto:FOI.Requests@beis.gov.uk)

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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