



Home Office Commercial Directorate

Daryll Cashmore
Email: request-730158-edae204c@whatdotheyknow.com

Commercial Directorate
2 Marsham Street
Peel Building
Fourth Floor
London
SW1P 4DF
www.gov.uk/home-office

9 March 2021

Dear Mr Cashmore

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 62759

Thank you for your e-mail of 22 February 2021, in which you ask:

1. How many contingent workers (contractors, temps, freelancers) used from 2010-2020 give breakdown by year?
2. What is the annual spend on contingent workers (last financial year)?

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. I confirm that the Home Office (HO) holds some of the information which you have requested on numbers of contingent workers. However, we believe that the information is already reasonably accessible to you. It can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ho-annual-reports-and-accounts>.

Section 21(1) of the FOIA exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already reasonably accessible to you. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated, please contact me again.

Home Office does not hold some of the data requested. Whilst we are required to publish information regarding contingent labour in HO Annual Report and Accounts this has not been achieved consistently across each publication and numbers of contingent workers fluctuate. An extract from each Annual report is provided at Annex A below.

We have reviewed and considered that to provide the requested information in a consistent form across the requested years would only be available at disproportionate cost and s12 of FOIA would apply if attempted. It is likely that information to fuel any attempt may not be available.

2. I confirm that the Home Office holds the information which you have requested on annual spend on contingent workers. However, we believe that the information is already reasonably accessible to you. It can be found at page 89 of the FY 2019/20 annual report <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-annual-report-and-accounts-2019-to-2020>. I have listed the entry as shown below at Annex B.

Section 21(1) of the FOIA exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already reasonably accessible to you. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated, please contact me again.

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 foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference 62759. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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

Yours sincerely

A FEHELEY
HO COMMERCIAL

E FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk

Annex A

Year	Information published	Source	Number
2010/11	Home Office Staff Numbers – Headcount Full Time Equivalent 2008-09 to 2010-11	Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (page 45)	551 Non-Civil Servants (includes agency employees, contractors, incoming secondments, contractors non-paid, outgoing secondments paid/unpaid, outgoing loans).
2012	Home Office Staff Numbers – Headcount Full Time Equivalent 2008-09 to 2011–12	Home Office annual report and accounts, 2011 to 2012 (PAGE 47)	468 Non-Civil Servants (includes agency employees, contractors, incoming secondments, contractors non-paid, outgoing secondments paid/unpaid, outgoing loans).
2013	Home Office Staff Numbers – Headcount Full Time Equivalent 2012-13 to 2014-15	Home Office annual report and accounts: 2014 to 2015 (page 174)	1,981 Total Home Office including Agencies, Non-Civil Servants (includes agency employees, incoming secondments unpaid (Non-OGD) and contractors non-paid
2014	Home Office Staff Numbers – Headcount Full Time Equivalent 2012-13 to 2014-15	Home Office annual report and accounts: 2014 to 2015 (page 174)	2,760 Total Home Office including Agencies, Non-Civil Servants (includes agency employees, incoming secondments unpaid (Non-OGD) and contractors non-paid
2015	Home Office Staff Numbers – Headcount Full Time Equivalent 2012-13 to 2014-15	Home Office annual report and accounts: 2014 to 2015 (page 174)	2,222 Total Home Office including Agencies, Non-Civil Servants (includes agency employees, incoming secondments unpaid (Non-OGD) and contractors non-paid
2015/16	Number of engagements at 31 March 2016 which are over £220 per day and last longer than 6 months	Home office Annual Report and Accounts page 79	112 (HO and ALB)

Year	Information published	Source	Number
2017	number of off-payroll engagements as of 31 March 2017, for more than £220 per day and that last for longer than six months.	Home office Annual Report and Accounts page 62	215 (HO and ALB)
2018	number of off-payroll engagements as of 31 March 2018, for more than £245 per day and that last for longer than six months	Home office Annual Report and Accounts page 73	229 (HO and ALB)
2019	table shows the number of off-payroll engagements as of 31 March 2019, for more than £245 per day and that last for longer than six months.	Home office Annual Report and Accounts page 81	187 (HO and ALB)
2020	the number of off-payroll engagements as of 31 March 2020, for more than £245 per day and that last for longer than six months	Home Office Annual Report and Accounts page 90	61 (HO and ALB)

Annex B

Q2 – What is the annual spend on contingent workers (last financial year)?

This information is already in the public domain at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-annual-report-and-accounts-2019-to-2020>.

The Annual reports advises: Contingent Labour/Agency Costs 2019-20 total expenditure (£000)

Year	Value (000)	Page number
19- 20	£88898	Home Office annual report and accounts page number: 89