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Dear Mr Hird,

Thank you for your email of 16 September 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I would be very grateful for a detailed list of all non Industrial Broader Banded Civil Servants by departments employed within the MOD Retained Grade structure.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. However, the information you have requested falls entirely within the scope of an absolute exemption under Section 21 (Information reasonably accessible by other means) of the FOIA.

Section 21(1) has been applied, as the information is already in the public domain and therefore, reasonably accessible to you at the link below. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and as such, there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

The MOD produces a Biannual Civilian Personnel Report which shows the proportion of non-industrial civilian personnel by broader banded grade as at 1 April 2020. This can be found on the Gov.UK website at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mod-biannual-civilian-personnel-statisticsindex>

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)