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Date: **20th August 2018**

Dear Mr Owens,

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry of Defence on 6th August 2018 requesting the following information:

Please can I have the amount of B2 posts that are currently filled within MOD where the incumbent is aged 25 as of August 2018, or, when the data is last available.

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

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Please find below the response containing the information you requested.

All data refers to MOD civilian personnel only.

As of 1 August 2018, the Ministry of Defence employs 1,520 (rounded to nearest 10) Band B2 personnel as recorded on our Human Resources Management System (HRMS) data set, of which less than 5 personnel are aged 25.

Please note that this data covers personnel within core MOD Main Top Level Budgets that use the Broader Banded Grade system which includes Grade Band B2, and excludes personnel in Executive Agencies, Trading Entities and Trading Funds which use alternate grade structures which do not contain a direct equivalent to Broader Banded Grades.

In relation to your question, an overall profile by Grade can be found in table 3 of the April 2018 edition of the 'Bi-Annual Civilian Personnel Report' (BCPR) which report on the number of MOD Civilian Personnel by FTE and headcount respectively. Please find link below:

BCPR: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/mod-biannual-civilian-personnel-report-2018>

N.B. The Civilian Personnel Report was previous published at quarterly points throughout the year. This changed as of April 2018 where it will only be published at Bi-Annual point going forward.

QCPR: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/mod-civilian-personnel-quarterly-report-2017>

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Yours sincerely
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