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DAVID SPENCER

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Dear DAVID SPENCER

I refer to your request where you asked

Within government there are a number of individuals working as Special Advisers as defined by S15(1) constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010.

There are also a number of individuals working across government known as Policv Advisers. Expert Advisers or similar. These individuals are often employed on 2 vear contracts and work very closely with Ministers and/or Special Advisers providing policy advice

Please advise how many of these individuals are employed in these roles across government.

Please break down this information by department (eg Home Office, Ministry of Defence etc) for each year between 2010 and 2018.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is <u>not held centrally</u> by the Cabinet Office.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

Sharon Carter Cabinet Office 70 Whitehall London SW1A 2AS

email: foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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