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Your ref

Dear Mr Millar

I am writing to confirm that HMRC has now completed its search for the information you requested on 9th January 2012, you asked HMRC to provide the following:

- 1 the current total number of employees at HMRC
- 2 The total number of Accountancy Professionals employed (members of Chartered Accountancy Bodies)

HMRC has 75335 (66950.49 FTE) employees at 1st January 2012.

As to Accounting Professionals, HMRC does not hold the data in the form that you request.

We do hold data for 2 HMRC professions, that for Compliance Accountants (financial reporting experts primarily examining taxpayers' financial statements and related activities) and for Finance Profession (accountants primarily concerned with HMRC's resource accounts, Trust accounts, and financial planning, budgeting and monitoring). We do know that there are significant numbers of accounting professionals working within several other HMRC professions, particularly the Tax Profession.

In the Compliance Accountants profession, at 1st January 2012 there were 132 qualified accountants employed. Some will hold qualifications from more than one professional body.

In the Finance Profession, at 1st January 2012 there were 163 qualified accountants, and 40 trainee accountants employed.

If you are not happy with this reply you may request a review by writing to HMRC FOI Team, Room 1C/25, 100 Parliament Street London SW1A 2BQ or email foi.review@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk.

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J Millar

You must request a review within 2 months of the date of this letter. It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner will not usually consider a case unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by HMRC. He can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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