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Dear Mr Seabrook

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: FOI201902060

Thank you for your request for information received by the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) on 18 February 2019.

Your enquiry is being dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested:

As the UK leaves Euratom, and the ONR will take over its duties, I have read: "This has meant an intense period of recruiting staff, training and upskilling existing staff to ensure we have enough fully warranted inspectors and support staff."

In light of this:

1. How many staff have you recruited?
2. How many more staff do you plan to recruit?
3. How much training and upskilling has been carried out?
4. How much more training and upskilling do you plan to carry out?
5. What examples of training and upskilling can you name?
6. What are the top three risks you identify coming from staff shortages and skills shortages?

ONR's response:

We try to be as open as possible when answering requests but your request is very broad and could cover a wide-range of information. I would like to ask you therefore to narrow down your request to focus more specifically on the information you want.

Refining your request:

You may wish to consider refining your request by:

In relation to questions 1,2 and 3:

1. How many staff have you recruited?
2. How many more staff do you plan to recruit?
3. How much training and upskilling has been carried out?

Please confirm:

- The time period you are referring to and
- The definition of staff. Does relate to all ONR staff including support and regulatory staff or does it relate specifically to the UK SSAC project and the Safeguards team?

In relation to questions 4,5 and 6:

4. How much more training and upskilling do you plan to carry out?
5. What examples of training and upskilling can you name?
6. What are the top three risks you identify coming from staff shortages and skills shortages?

Please confirm:

- Does this relate to all ONR staff including support and regulatory staff or does it relate specifically to the UK SSAC project and the Safeguards team?

Please refer to the Safeguards information on the [ONR website](http://www.onr.org.uk/safeguards/index.htm)¹.

Should you wish to refine your request, please contact us via the email address contact@onr.gov.uk, quoting reference: FOI201902060.

Any reformulated request will be treated as a new Freedom of Information request.

Please note that in accordance with the FOIA we are not under any further obligation to respond until you have provided the appropriate clarification.

¹ <http://www.onr.org.uk/safeguards/index.htm>

Further Information:

If you are unhappy with the decisions made by ONR you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to me quoting the reference number above.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,



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