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Dear Mr Kennard,

Your email dated 14 May 2018 is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following:

*I would like figures for past 20 years on the number of DE&S staffers that have left to found or be involved in the founding of their own arms companies.*

A search across the Ministry of Defence (MOD) has now been completed, but I regret that no information within scope of your request has been found. Defence Equipment and Support does not keep records of where staff go after they have left the organisation.

Section 16 of the FOIA requires public authorities to provide advice and assistance to requesters, so far as it is reasonable to do so. You may wish to note that the MOD does centrally hold information on applications for Business Appointments for the equivalent of 1\* senior civil servants and above.

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Yours sincerely,

DE&S Secretariat Parliamentary.