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Dear Jonathan Deans,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 19 September 2018 requesting information about the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales. You asked for information regarding the number of days absence due to stress at work or anything related to stress. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Office of the Secretary of State for Wales does not hold the information relating to absences due to 'stress at work' specifically. The table below therefore outlines data where the generic reason given for the absence was stress. Please note that this data is collected by calendar year (not financial year as requested) and is therefore not available for 2018 yet.

Calendar Year	Number of working days lost
2015	39
2016	21
2017	4

Regarding the total number of employees, the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales is exempt from answering under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act. This is due to the information already being in the public domain, and can be found at the following locations:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wales-office-annual-report-2015-16-published>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wales-office-annual-report-2016-17-published>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/office-of-the-secretary-of-state-for-wales-annual-report-2017-18>

You may ask for an internal review if you are unhappy with our response to your request. The internal review would be carried out by someone who did not deal with your request, who would re-assess how the Department handled it. Requests for an internal review should be received within two months of our response. If you wish to do this, please write to:

Freedom of Information Team
Wales Office
Gwydyr House
Whitehall
London SW1A 2NP

Email: walesofficefoi@walesoffice.gsi.gov.uk

If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office under Section 50 of the Act. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team