



Civil Service 2  
Prime Minister  
To note.

Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SW1P 3AG

16 July 1979

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Tim Lankester Esq  
Private Secretary to the  
Prime Minister  
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LONDON

Dear Tim,

I understand that during last Thursday's reception at No 10, the Financial Secretary undertook to let the Prime Minister have figures on the number of Civil Servants employed in the Ministry of Defence. I attach a note showing that the numbers of Civil Servants employed by the MoD exceeds the number employed by any other Department, even the DHSS, by more than a factor of two; you will see that these figures leave aside the armed services.

I am copying this letter to Martin Hall in the Chancellor's Office and Geoffrey Green in Paul Channon's office.

Yours,

Paul

P C DIGGLE  
Private Secretary



Civil Service numbers: MoD and others

Ministry of Defence

Civil - industrial	127,000
non-industrial	121,000
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Total (including Royal Ordnance Factories)	248,000
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Locally engaged staff overseas	38,000
Services - army	161,000
navy & marines	74,000
air force	87,000
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Other departments

Department of Health and Social Security	98,000
Inland Revenue	85,000
Department of Employment (including Manpower Services Commission)	54,000
Department of Environment (including Property Services Agency)	52,000

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