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Subject: Section 2 interviews, costs awards and recruitment

This request asked for the following information:

1. *The number of Section 2 interviewees that have requested the presence of a lawyer during their interview since the publishing of the SFO's new guidance on June 6 2016*
2. *The number of the above (point 1) requests that have been accepted since 6 June 2016*
3. *The number of the above (point1) requests that have been denied since June 6 2016*
4. *The number of lawyers that have been excluded from a Section 2 interview in progress since June 2016.*

Available records indicate that 24 interviewees have requested the presence of a lawyer during their interview since 6 June 2016. All these requests were accepted and no lawyers were excluded whilst an interview was in progress. This data has been collated for internal management purposes only and is not an official statistic.

5. *The costs awarded against the SFO in 2015-16*

In the financial year 2015/16, the total sum paid in respect of settling cost liabilities was £9,654,295.

6. *The number of permanently employed staff recruited by the SFO in 2015/16*
7. *The number of permanently employed staff that left the SFO in 2015/16*

The number of permanently employed staff recruited by the SFO in 2015/16 was 39 and the number that left was 45.
