

## **Request**

**Under FOI I am requesting the following information.**

**Number of press officers and social media staff for each government press office as of 6 April 2026 including those on a permanent or temporary contract, freelance, agency workers. This should include all managers/oversight positions.**

**Number of administrative and other employees for each government press office, including those on a permanent or temporary contract, freelance, agency workers as of the same date.**

**Total salary costs since start of this mandate - February 2024 - for all these employees/staff, including agency, temporary and freelance staff.**

**Total overtime costs including any exceptional payments since the start of this mandate for all these employees/staff, including agency, temporary and freelance staff.**

## **DoF response**

I can confirm the department holds the information you have requested.

The number of press officers and social media staff, as of 6 April 2026, is 5. These are all permanent staff. Press Office is made up of 1 Principal Information Officer, 2 Senior Information Officers, 1 Information Officer and 1 Social Media Editor. The Director of Communications and Engagement has oversight of this work, however, the remit of this role is wider than press and communications, with responsibility for Minister's Private Office, Permanent Secretary's Office, Internal Communications and Engagement and Events team.

The press office does not have any administrative posts.

Since the start of this mandate in February 2024, the salary costs for the press officers, Social Media Editor and Director of Communications employees totalled £927,756. These figures also include Pension and National Insurance contributions for all staff.

Overtime costs for these employees totalled £4,619.51 for the same period.