

ANNEX A

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Request

I would like to know the approximate number and percentage of Non-Industrial staff in the Northern Ireland Civil Service who are currently working from home (either on a permanent or part-time / rota basis).

I would like this broken down by Department and also Agency.

DoF Response

I can confirm the Department does not hold this information. This information is not held centrally as each branch within the NICS is responsible for managing this information locally.

In January 2021, figures for the Department of Finance only, was collated and provided as a one off exercise for an Assembly Question. An extract from this question (AQW 12940/17-22) is set out below.

“At 21st January, out of a headcount of 3,492 staff, there were 291 staff unable to carry out their work remotely within the Department of Finance; 285 were working in the office or on site and 6 were available but not working.”

Total NICS figures were also collated in June 2020 in response to an Assembly Question (AQW 4335/17-22). Total NICS figures could be provided at that time as the NICS COVID hub was in existence, although this has subsequently been stood down. This information available at that time is set out below:

“Based on the latest management information, I can confirm there are 21.5k people employed by the NICS. As of the end of May, our management information indicates that 52.3% of them are working from home. The table presented below provides a breakdown by department.

	NICS Employee Headcount	Number of staff working from home	
		Headcount	%
NICS Overall	21,484	11,241	52.3

DAERA	3,175	2,360	74.3
DE	540	498	92.2
DFC	6,934	1,518	21.9
DFE	1,160	1,065	91.8
Dfl	2,989	1,392	46.6
DOF	3,504	2,949	84.2
DOH	462	334	72.3
DOJ	1,951	863	44.2
TEO	321	262	81.6
PPS	448	no data available	no data available

**above excludes NIPrison Service and staff on career breaks or secondments*

Data: May 2020"