

'I am seeking the number of Department employees that worked in the office of the Minister for Defence (or previous name) and the office for the Minister for Defence Personnel (or previous name) in the Year 2000 and the current year.'

For 2000

Defence's HR System does not record data in a way which enables the Department to identify personnel who have worked in the relevant Ministers' offices in the period of the year 2000. Without further detail from the applicant, it is difficult to conduct targeted searches that may illicit such a result.

For 2020:¹

Minister for Defence

Defence personnel on leave without pay from Defence ²	6
Defence personnel working as Departmental Liaison Officers	2
ADF personnel working as an Aide-de-Camp	1
Defence personnel undertaking temporary relief duties	6

Minister for Defence Personnel

Defence personnel on leave without pay from Defence ³	1
Defence personnel working as Departmental Liaison Officers	1
ADF personnel working as an Aide-de-Camp	1
Defence personnel undertaking temporary relief duties	1

(Note: the data above is correct at the time of the request.)

¹ The length of time worked in these offices varies from short-term to long-term. Personnel listed may have left the office during 2020.

² Defence personnel on leave without pay are employed by the relevant Minister under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* for the duration of their leave without pay from Defence.

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