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18 September 2023

Dear [Redacted]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00667

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 4 September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am reaching out to gather information regarding the exact count of GCC nationals who are presently employed by or have previously been associated with bodies operating under UKRI (such as STFC or EPSRC, etc.). By "GCC nationals," I am specifically referring to individuals who hold citizenship in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, and the UAE.

I kindly request your assistance in providing me with the figures.

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold any information relevant to your request.

Since the formation of UKRI in 2018, UKRI has not employed anyone from GCC member states.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

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