

Mr Tom Watson (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many press officers are employed by Arts Council England at (a) its head office and (b) each regional office.

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Answer:

Arts Council England does not employ press officers. Instead, they employ staff with responsibility for communicating with the media as part of their wider role in the organisation. Two of these members of staff are based at the national office and 18 across nine regional offices. This will reduce to 13 staff in the regional offices with effect from 1 April 2010.