

POLICY AND REFORM

**2.5. Government employees earning £50,000-plus –
Reason for increased numbers**

The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform:

Why the number of Central Government employees with remuneration of £50,000 or greater has increased from 885 in 2015-16 to 919 in 2016-17?

The Minister for Policy and Reform (Mr Thomas): The increase of 34 in the number of people earning greater than £50,000 is generally attributable to the combined effect of public service pay awards and incremental progression.

5 For example, the average pay award across the Public Service, which was paid in 2016-17, was 1.7 % and the effect of that on staff earning just below £50,000 was to lift 25 staff into the bracket above.

It is important, however, to consider the full data published in the Government Accounts, which show that as well as numbers increasing in some pay brackets, numbers decreased in others, as shown in Table 2.5.A below:

Table 2.5.A

Band	Change + / -
£50,000 - £74,999.99	38
£75,000 - £99,999.99	-16
£100,000 - £124,999.99	8
£125,000 - £149,999.99	-1
£150,000 - £174,999.99	1
£175,000 - £199,999.99	-2
£200,000 - £224,999.99	1
£225,000 - £249,999.99	4
£250,000 - £274,999.99	2
£275,000 - £299,999.99	-1