

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: 732

16th April 2010

Dear Mr Butcher,

FOI Review request 732 (Request for a review of FOI request 538)

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 March 2010 relating to the above FOI request. We have treated your follow-up e-mail as a request for a review of our initial reply. DWP policy is that someone unconnected with the initial response must consider the review request afresh. I have been asked to carry out that review.

You asked for the actual number of Independent Case Examiner (ICE) staff or external independent contractors who have previously been or are currently employed by the CSA/CMEC.

Whilst ICE does not routinely collect hold this information, I asked for an exercise to be completed to gather the information for you.

I can confirm that forty ICE staff (including contractors) were previously employed by CSA/CMEC, but no staff (including contractors) are currently working for CSA/CMEC.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, 5th Floor The Adelphi, 1-11, John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HT. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk