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Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000: Child Support Agency

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 26 January 2010.

You asked –

- ...how much child maintenance is collected for parents on benefits

Child Maintenance in Great Britain is the responsibility of the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission - a crown non-departmental public body accountable to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. The Commission took over responsibility for the Child Support Agency on 1 November 2008. The Commission is committed to maximising the value of the arrears it collects, within available funding. In the year October 08 to September 09 the Commission collected £152m of child maintenance arrears compared with £84m for the year October 05 to September 06. The Treasury does not hold a breakdown of this figure by benefit or customer group.

For more information I suggest you contact either the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission or the Department of Work and Pensions:

<http://www.childmaintenance.org/>

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Treasury. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

