

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Dear Tina Hamilton

### **Request for information**

I am writing to confirm that I am now in a position to reply to your request. In your letter received on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008 you asked for the total number of expatriates who have contacted the DWP since the ECJ judgement, in order to have their payments reinstated.

Our information does not show the number of expatriates who have contacted the department. However, since the judgement by the European Court of Justice on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007, our records indicate that up to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 961 people have contacted the department to request that a previous award of Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance is reinstated.

If you are not satisfied with my handling of your request please tell me why within two calendar months of the date of this letter. I will then arrange for someone to conduct an internal review of your request. The review will be independent and conducted by another officer, usually of a more senior grade to myself and you will be advised of their decision in writing.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner to look into the way your request has been handled. Please note that generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted DWP's own complaints procedure. The Commissioner can be contacted at:

Fol Complaints Resolution  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely  
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