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Dear Amanda-Jane

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email of 8 January in which you request the following information:

- a) Do we all have a national insurance number in Great Britain/United kingdom?*
- b) Are anyones nino numbers the same ie a shared national insurance number?*
- c) Are national insurance numbers unique to the man or woman it is given to, which would lead you to the identity of the man or woman issued with the number?*
- d) Does anyone have the same national insurance number and if they did wouldnt that mean it could lead to fraud*

The Social Security Advisory Committee does not hold the information you require. The Committee is an independent non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions.

You may wish to redirect your enquiry to HM Revenue and Customs. However before doing so, you may find the answers you require on the Gov.uk website (I attach a link to the section on National Insurance numbers: <https://www.gov.uk/national-insurance/your-national-insurance-number>).

Should you decide to resubmit your request to another organisation, you may find it helpful to know that your request as presented to this Committee does not comply with Section 8(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act and is technically invalid. In order to comply and engage your Freedom of Information rights you are required to provide a real name with any request. The Information Commissioner (ICO) has issued guidance for public authorities on this topic. I attach a link to the guidance issued by the ICO which sets out what constitutes a real name for Freedom of Information purposes:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1164/recognising-a-request-made-under-the-foia.pdf>

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Although we have decided to respond outside of our FoI obligations, it is possible that other bodies may take a different approach.

Yours sincerely,

[by email]

Denise Whitehead
Committee Secretary

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 ssac@ssac.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to The Chair, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA.

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

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