

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 3161

DATE: 11 August 2015

Dear Daniel McMorrow,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 28 July. You asked for:-

*Re: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/448218/access-to-work-statistics-march-2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/448218/access-to-work-statistics-march-2015.pdf)*

*In the above document you claim... "36,760 individuals were helped through Access to Work between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015."*

*From my personal experience I know access to work are not helpful and try their level best not to provide assistance. And are completely unaware of the challenges facing disabled people ie. Suggesting I could get a cab the 15 odd miles to work!*

*From the 36.760 applications received by AtW (Access To Work) A. How many had to defend their requirement for assistance, by providing additional documentation ? B. How many were physically assessed ? C. How many "review" case were launched ? D. How many requests did AtW receive between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015 ?*

Unfortunately, I am unable to proceed with your request without clarification of the information you wish to receive. To help me do so, I would like to know:

- i) whether part A above relates to additional documentation provided in support of an Access to Work application;
- ii) whether part B above relates to the number of people whose disabilities were physically assessed as part of the Access to Work application process; and
- iii) please clarify what is being requested in parts C and D above.

Please also note that the 36,760 figure quoted relates to the number of people helped by Access to Work in 2014/15 and not the number of applications. Please clarify if you are requesting the above information for the 36,760 people who received help from Access to Work or whether you are requesting the information for all applications received.

Please note that if I do not receive appropriate clarification of your information requirements within three months from the date of this letter, then I will consider your request closed.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy FoI Team

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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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)