

Your Reference:

Our Ref: Fol 3382

Date: 1/9/15

Dear Mr Sparks,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 11/8/15. You asked:

Could you please provide the following information

*The percentage of current DLA claimants, who, on conversion to PiP, were either reduced in their claims or were stopped from claiming ?
Please could you provide the data based on the companies who carried out the assessments ?*

ie) To allow comparison between the assessing companies.

I have interpreted the question as the percentage of DLA claimants that had an unsuccessful claim to PIP, as no DLA claimant will be “stopped” from claiming PIP.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you are seeking. However, Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts this information from disclosure. This is because the information is intended for publication at a future date.

This exemption requires the public interest for and against disclosure to be weighed in the balance. There is a public interest in information being released as soon as possible. However, I am satisfied that there is a strong public interest in permitting public authorities to publish information in a manner and form and at a time of their own choosing. It is a part of the effective conduct of public affairs that the general publication of information is a conveniently planned and managed activity within the reasonable control of public authorities I am satisfied that in this instance the Department has a reasonable entitlement to make its own arrangements to do so.

The Department intends to provide more detailed breakdowns of DLA to PIP reassessment outcomes in due course. The Department is working to guidelines set by the UK Statistics Authority to ensure we are able to publish statistics that meet high quality standards at the earliest opportunity.

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

Yours sincerely

Edmund O'Mahony
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