

DWP Policy Group Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: IR2019/30711

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Dear Piotr Lato,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) internal review request received on 19 August. You asked:

*I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI .*

*I disagree that this is outside the scope of FOI as the form that Im referring to is an 'official' form and things written have to be based on legislation.*

**DWP Response:**

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

As a result of this review

I am satisfied that the original response was handled properly and that the information provided was correct. The reasoning behind this decision is as follows.

The previous reply did not explicitly say that your request was outside the scope of the FOI protocols. It is accepted that potentially it was confusing because it said that we both held and did not hold the information required, and I apologise for that. But importantly it did answer the question directly – see para five. I confirm that the answer is accurate.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Policy Group Fol Team

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**Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

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

Web: [ico.org.uk/Global/contact\\_us](https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us) or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745