

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR IR 311

DATE: 08 April 2013

Dear Geoffrey Reynolds,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information review request received on 03 April. You asked for:-

*As usual you have not answered any of my questions. In relation to;*

*1/ None of the statutes that you mention, state the "amount the law says you need to live on".*

*2/ You fail to define how £71.00 is arrived at.*

*3/ You have failed to answer when it was updated to reflect rising prices.*

*4/ You state "we believe the amounts are reasonable". Please quantify why you believe, given that updating has not been done to reflect rising prices and lowering of the value of sterling.*

*5/ Your answer is a lie. The welfare reform act has reduced the income.*

*6/ You have not indicated where the welfare reform act states that the £71.00 can be eroded further.*

*7/ Answered*

*8/ You state the amount is compatible. This means you have information to hand. Please indicate the compatibility within the human rights act.*

You can expect a reply by 01 May unless I need to come back to you to clarify your request or the balance of the public interest test needs to be considered.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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**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 [freedom-of-information-request@dwg.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwg.gsi.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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