

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2020/21248

24 June 2020

Dear Simon Stanger,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 30 April. You asked:

*Under section 6 of the Financial Guidance and Claims Act 2018, the single financial guidance body (now known to be the Money and Pensions Service) is required to advise the Secretary of State on the establishment of a debt respite scheme. MaPS was established on 1 October 2018 and became operational in January 2019.*

*Section 6(4) of the Act required MaPS to provide the advice within 12 months of its establishment (i.e. by 1 October 2019, and January 2020 at the latest).*

*Section 6(5) of the Act places the Secretary of State under a statutory duty to publish the advice.*

*Please forgive me if the advice has been published, but I have been unable to track it down. If it has, I would be very grateful if you could direct me to it.*

*Otherwise, please provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, all of the advice received by the Secretary of State from MaPS to date concerning the establishment of a debt respite scheme.*

**DWP Response:**

I confirm that the DWP does not hold the recorded information to respond to your request.

To assist you with your request, I would suggest that you contact Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT). I have included the details below of how to apply for a Freedom of Information request from HMT.

To apply in writing:

**Freedom of Information requests**

Information Rights Unit  
1 Horse Guards Road  
London  
SW1A 2HQ  
United Kingdom

Or to apply by email:

[foirequests@hmtreasury.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@hmtreasury.gov.uk)

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol 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.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwg.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.

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](http://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us) or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745