DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR_2581

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Dear Claimants-Rep

Thank you for your request of 24 June 2015 in which you asked:

Under the Freedom-of-Information Act, could you please advise how many emails the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (SSWP) or his office received or sent since June2013 (until today/June2015)? Could you break this down by: sent, received Could you break this further down by: topic, month-and-year (starting with June2013), SSWP/office-staff Where this does not breach individual privacy rights, could you also add a column for the department/agency/office/organisation who this correspondence was with?

And if this is still within the cost-limit, could you give the same breakdown for the Minister of State for Employment (MSE) and her office (also since June2013)?

(If any part of the above exceeds the cost-limit, please advise for how many months you can provide this information for without exceeding the limit.)

Under S.8(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act, the Department is not obliged to comply with your request.

Requests made under the Act must fulfil the criteria set out below in S.8 of the Act.

- 8. (1) In this Act any reference to a "request for information" is a reference to such a request which –
- (a) is in writing,
- (b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and
- (c) describes the information requested.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), a request is to be treated as made in writing where the text of the request—
- (a) is transmitted by electronic means,
- (b) is received in legible form, and
- (c) is capable of being used for subsequent reference.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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 www.ico.gov.uk