

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk

Our Ref: FOI2019/26275

12 August 2019

Dear Sean Brawley,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 12 July. You asked:

Recently, a number of quotes from an internal message board for DWP staff were shared as part of a BBC news story.

Please provide all posts from this message board containing the words "Capita" or "ATOS".

DWP Response:

We do hold information falling within the terms of your request; however, we need more time to consider your request.

I wish to advise you that the following exemption applies to the information that you have requested:

31 (P): Law enforcement

By virtue of section 10(3), where public authorities have to consider the balance of the public interest in relation to a request, they do not have to comply with the request until such a time as is reasonable in the circumstances.

The Department has not yet reached a decision on the balance of the public interest. Due to the need to consider, in all the circumstances of the case, where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the information that you have requested, the Department will not be able to respond to your request in full within 20 working days.

Accordingly, I hope to let you have a response by 10 September 2019.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the department 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 happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing 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 or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745