

To J Newman
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Our Ref:FOI IR 2703-328

DATE 18th January 2012

Dear Mr Newman,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 17 December 2011 that was received by Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Adelphi and forwarded for response to the DWP Medical Services Contracts Correspondence Team Internal Reviewing Officer.

In your email you asked to be provided with information answering the following questions:-

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Atos list of what to bring to an assessment'. I am not sure why there is a delay

As Reviewing Officer, I have investigated the handling of your original request and considered your request afresh including checking whether the information sent to you clearly and accurately answered your request.

In response to your statement that you weren't sure why there was a delay, I would suggest that you examine the details of time requirements on the Information Commissioners Website.

As your initial request was received by the Department on Thursday 17th November 2011, the time limit for response is 20 working days unless the Department needed to extend that time limit to consider an exemption involving a public interest test consideration. This meant the date for response was the 15th of December 2011. Our response was issued on the 15th of December, which met the 20 day deadline.

I therefore find that the Department is not late in answering your initial request (reference FOI 2592-3472), I am satisfied that the original response dated 15th December 2011 was correct and that all the information that DWP are able to supply to you has been supplied.

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