

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: VTR12

16 January 2015

Dear Trudy Baddams,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 4 January 2015. You asked:

In year 2013/14 how much did the 'government say a person needed to live on?'

You have not specified which benefit you are referring to, however, each year the government reviews the level of benefit that a claimant may receive. This is in the public domain and set out in the following Up-rating Orders:

- The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Orders, which can be found at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi?title=The%20Social%20Security%20Benefits%20Up-rating%20order>
- The Welfare Benefits Up-rating Orders, which can be found at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi?title=The%20Welfare%20Benefits%20Up-rating%20Order>

The level of benefit that a person can be awarded depends upon their individual circumstances and can only be properly determined when a claim is made.

The different types of benefit available can be found in the 'Benefits' section of GOV.UK, which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits>. This includes a section on Benefits Calculators that indicate what benefits you may be entitled to and how to claim, this can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>.

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 happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.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 www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745