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Dear Gurpreet Kaur,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 4 January. You wrote:

“Thank you for your reply. Could you please confirm how many of these debts are attributed to fraud or negligence on the part of the claimant?”

If you have any other way of categorising the reason for the debts, please provide the breakdown”

## DWP Response

We have interpreted this request as referencing the Tax Credit debts itemised in the first table supplied in our earlier response, dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Ref FOI2022/95359).

We confirm that we do not hold the information you have requested.

To be helpful, and answering outside of the FoI Act, I can refer to you the DWP Fraud and Error Estimates, which include information on total benefit expenditure and causes of loss

Fraud and error in the benefit system: financial year 2021 to 2022 estimates - GOV.UK  
([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk))

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

Yours sincerely,

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