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Dear Karen

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Universal Credit

Thank you for your enquiry of 30 May 2019.

You asked for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act):

"How many families have been affected by changing to universal credits?"

Where in the uk has been affected more from the change of benefits?

How many families have become homeless due to the changes?"

You may wish to note that under section 8(1)(b) of the FOI Act, requests must state the name of the applicant. It appears that this part of the FOI Act has not been complied with in relation to your correspondence because a first name in isolation is not considered a valid name for the purposes of this section. However, a response to your request is below.

Following a search of our records, I can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold information within the scope of your request.

For all enquiries regarding Universal Credit, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is best placed to provide you with further information.

Contact details for DWP can be found here:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions

You might find Universal Credit data published by DWP useful, including on the number of households claiming Universal Credit, and the geographical distribution of claimants. This is available at: www.gov.uk/government/statistics/universal-credit-29-april-2013-to-11-april-2019.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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