

4 May 2018

Dear Marie Stowers,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 8 April 2018.  
You asked:

**“I would like to know how many women over the age of 60 claimed work related benefits in 2010 and how many women over the age of 60 claimed work related benefits in 2017 I would like to know how much in total for each year that I have mentioned”**

We can confirm that we hold information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit for central Government, set by regulations at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not therefore obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further. Under section 16 of the Act we should assist the requester in helping narrow their request so that it may fall beneath the cost limit.

The Department publishes official statistics on the number of people claiming DWP benefits here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/about/statistics>

A majority of these statistics are published quarterly as part of the Department's Quarterly Benefit Summary. The latest statistics at the time of your request cover to November 2017 and can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/dwp-statistical-summaries-2017>

In this case, after reading through the above available statistics, we recommend restricting the time-period of your request to be within the time-period covered by these statistics and also specifying the specific benefits you are interested in. We will consider afresh any revised request however we cannot guarantee that any revised request will fall within the cost limit.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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### **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](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central FoI 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 <https://ico.org.uk/>