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Dear Eva Sheffield,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 6 April. You wrote:

“Can you please provide information and internal guidance on Childcare cost element of universal credit criteria self employed during covid 19 pandemic when there is no minimum income floor. Particularly when claimant is making losses.”

DWP Response

Whilst the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) does hold some information relating to your request, this information is exempt under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption covers certain information which, if released, would likely prejudice the prevention and detection of fraud and crime. In applying this exemption, DWP has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosing the information.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
Department for Work and Pensions

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@dwpgov.uk or by writing to: DWP Central Fol Team, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, 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.

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