

**Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**  
**Central Freedom of Information Team**

freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

**Our reference:** FOI 1944 and 1945

**Date:** 2 May 2018

Dear G Davies

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 16 April 2018.  
You asked :

- 1. For the authorisation [with a box or paragraph for insertion of the information justifying issue of authorisation and the names and ranks of the authorising officers] for an investigation by the Financial Investigation Unit [FIU] for any surveillance to be lawful.*
- 2. The request by a member of the child maintenance assessment [maintenance calculation] team for an investigation by the FIU.*
- 3. The authorisation for the withholding of information from a Tribunal [and parties] in case it would impede any criminal or other proceedings considered or proposed by the CSA.*

**DWP response**

In relation to question 1 and 2 it is not possible to issue you copies of forms and templates as request within the Child Maintenance Service for a referral for a review of a case by the Financial Investigation Unit is made directly through the child maintenance computer system (CMS) .  
I have however obtained a screen shot from CMS which I attach as an annex.

There is no specific box for authorisation as any CMG caseworker can make a referral. You will see there is a status and ownership section which will be completed by FIU should they decide to progress the case.

In response to question 3 the department does not release information in relation to investigation and detection of fraud under section 31 (1) (a) and (b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The link below refers:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/31>

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me 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 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  
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