

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Dear Disabled people against Cuts

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 19 October 2015. You asked:

*The DWP have been quoted as saying “We strongly reject the allegations made by DPAC” in reference to the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons ongoing inquiry process into grave and systematic violations and the retrogression of disabled peoples’ rights in the UK .*

*This quote has now appeared in a number of media . It suggests a breach in confidentially re submitted documentation and key issues raised by Disabled People against Cuts (DPAC) through an external government body.*

*As a result we are requesting:*

*Any communications between the DWP and ministers that mention DPAC between Jan and Oct 2015.*

The information you require is not available under the Freedom of Information Act as the exemption contained in Section 27 on International Relations applies. The scope, nature and process of the UN inquiry is confidential. That confidentiality should be respected by all parties.

The British Government has a long standing commitment to supporting human rights and we play a leading role internationally, including at the United Nations. The UK cooperates fully with the United Nations and supports its treaty monitoring mechanisms.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

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