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Your Reference: Fol 2910

Date: 28 June 2018

Dear 'Rees T.'

Thank you for your Fol request of 22 June. You asked:

"Please provide the number of complaints received regarding the removal of SMI benefit.

Also specify how many legal notices where claimants have threatened or intend to take legal action due to the removal of SMI benefit.

How many Court cases are due because of the removal of SMI benefit?"

On this occasion the Department will not be processing your response further. This is because your request does not comply with Section 8(1)(b) of the Fol Act. This means that to comply with your request the Department requires that you give your real name. The Information Commissioner (ICO) has issued guidance for public authorities on this topic. The ICO considers that "the name of the applicant refers to the real name of the applicant". You can see the guidance issued by the ICO here:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1164/recognising-a-request-made-under-the-foia.pdf>

If you would like to submit your request again using a name that satisfies the above requirement DWP will be pleased to consider it.

Yours sincerely

DWP FOI Central Information Team

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 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 www.ico.gov.uk