

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: VTR 3532

11/8/14

Dear J Newman,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 10/8/14. You asked :-

Contribution-based ESA payments can be reduced using a formula based on occupational pension income. What information has been produced to:

- a) explain the rationale/logic for this reduction – i.e. why it is regarded as reasonable to adjust for pension income but NOT, say investment income?*
- b) Detail any other types of income that can likewise reduce contribution-based ESA payments*

You can expect a reply by 8/9/14 unless I need to come back to you to clarify your request or the balance of the public interest test needs to be considered.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol 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 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 www.ico.gov.uk