

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 5396

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Dear John Pring

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 14 December 2014, in which you asked:

On 8 December, Mark Harper, the minister for disabled people, said in work and pensions questions in the Commons that disability organisations “agree with the government” over the closure of the Independent Living Fund and the decision that was taken not to ring-fence the funding given to local authorities.

I would be grateful if you could tell me which disability organisations the minister was referring to.

I have conducted a search of Department records and conclude that the information you have requested is not held.

However, the Minister for Disabled People’s Private Office has confirmed that the Minister does meet regularly with a large number of disability organisations and holds a wide range of discussions, both formal and informal. This includes a regular monthly meeting with the Disability Charities Consortium - an informal coalition of seven disability charities; Action on Hearing Loss, Disability Rights UK, Leonard Cheshire Disability, Mencap, Mind, RNIB and Scope – and attendance at the Fulfilling Potential Forum. The latest Fulfilling Potential forum was held on 23 October 2014 and was attended by around 30 disability organisations.

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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