

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: 2014-IR607

5 December 2014

Dear Dr Joseph Reddington,

Freedom of Information ref: 2014-IR607

Thank you for your request for an internal review of your Freedom of Information request 2014-4683.

You asked:

**“Guys? This request is now overdue... Do you need some clarification?
Guys - this is now a seriously overdue request...”**

In your original request you asked:

“For ongoing research, I would like to request the number of people receiving Disability Living Allowance on behalf of an under-16 year old. I would like this information broken down by the overall amount of child benefit claimed by the person.

For clarification - I am researching the number of siblings of disabled children - and so the breakdown is the part that I am particularly interested in.

I would expect the answer to be of the form, (using example figures)

10,000 recipients of DLA are claiming child benefit for one child. 8,000 recipients of DLA are claiming child benefit for two children. 11,000 recipients of DLA are claiming child benefit for three children. ...and so on. (In the example above I would thus expect that there were at least 30,000 siblings of disabled children (8,000 + 2*11,000))”

I am of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your request previously, and can confirm that I have carried out an internal review.

Your original request was received on the 22 October 2014 and a reply was due by the 19 November 2014.

After extensive checking we were ready to issue you a response based on section 12 of the Freedom of Information act (FOIA), relating to costs, but shortly before this a way of collating

the information requested was identified. We therefore did not send the planned response but instead commissioned the work needed to collate the information for you.

This means we have failed to answer your request within the statutory timescales and we uphold your complaint. We apologise for the delay and also for not keeping you updated on what was happening with your request.

As already mentioned work is in progress to collate your answer and we will send you a full response as soon as it is ready.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us 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@dpw.gsi.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