

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: VTR IR40

17/2/15

Dear Ms Price,

I am writing in response to your review requests received on 24 September 2014 and 15 January 2015. An internal review has been carried out by someone of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your original request. I am now in a position to respond to you. In your review request of 24 September 2014 you said:

What a complete and utter waste of time , asking for a review. My question has NOT been answered satisfactorily

and in your review request of 15 January 2015 you said

You have still refused to answer my original question. So your response is totally unsatisfactory.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in dealing with your requests. In response to your requests, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed. I was unconnected with the handling of your original request.

As a result of this review I can advise that I find the original decision to be correct. The reasoning behind this decision is that the information you sought about the purpose of DLA was fully answered.

DWP's obligation is to provide recorded information under the FOI Act. The purpose of the Act is to allow people to make requests for information already held. The Act is not a mechanism or appropriate forum for debate. . Once a public authority has provided the recorded information, it has met its obligations under the Act; interpretation of the information provided is left to the requestor.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy 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