

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: IR117

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Dear Mr William Heron,

Thank you for your Internal Review request received on 3 March 2017. An internal review has been considered 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 you said:

"Can you please advise onot current state off affairs in relation to the following.

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit: Dupuytren's Contracture:Written question - 34284 Q Asked by Grahame Morris(Easington)Asked on: 18 April 2016 Department for Work and PensionsIndustrial Injuries Disablement Benefit: Dupuytren's Contracture34284 To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what criteria his Department is using to determine whether Dupuytren's Contracture should be included on the list of prescribed diseases covered by Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

A Answered by: Justin Tomlinson Answered on: 26 April 2016 The report of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council (May 2014) included recommended criteria for including Dupuytren's Contracture in the list of prescribed diseases. The Government is continuing to consider the recommended criteria and any other relevant factors".

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

As a result of this review I can advise that your request for review is not upheld. The reasoning behind this decision is as follows:

Your original request under the Freedom of Information Act dated 24 February 2017, has been answered within 20 working days of that request being received. As such on the date you made this review your request, while still yet to be answered, was not late and was being dealt with appropriately under the Act."

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 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