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Dear David Andrew Jameson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 28 November. You wrote:

“Over the last 5 years by either by month or year can I please know

1. The number of staff who were employed by the DWP who illegally took money within the course of employment from the DWP (public funds)
2. The amount of money taken if possible for each case or if this is not possible a total either month or year

I have read a number of cases in the media where staff who were employed by the DWP within the course of employment illegally took money therefore this is public information . You can format this as you wish in line with DPA / FOI in the easiest cost effective manner for you. If 5 years exceeds the cost I will accept 3 years worth of data I would prefer the data by month but if this is not possible I will accept a total by year”

DWP Response

We are unable to deal with your Fol request without clarification of the information you seek.

To help us do so, we need to understand your meaning of illegal. We would like to know whether:

- Your request is about DWP employees who have been convicted of a criminal offence resulting in loss of public funds.

Or

- Where DWP employees have breached the Standards of Behaviour resulting in a financial loss to DWP.

Under Section 16 of the Fol Act we should assist you in helping you focus your request.

You may wish to narrow the focus of your request to:

Please can you provide the data covering investigations carried out by Government Internal Audit Agency within the last year related to either:

- DWP employees who have been convicted of a criminal offence resulting in loss of public funds
- Or
- Where DWP employees have breached the Standards of Behaviour resulting in a financial loss to DWP.

We will consider any revised request however we cannot guarantee that any revised request will fall within the cost limit.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
Department for Work and Pensions

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-reqxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx or by writing to: DWP Central FoI Team, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA.

Any request for an internal review must be received by us within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please note we are not obliged to provide a review if it is requested after more than 40 working days.

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.

Website: [ICO FOI and EIR complaints](#) or telephone 0303 123 1113.