

**Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**  
**Central Freedom of Information Team**

freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

**Our reference:** FOI2018/02516

**Date:** 13 September 2018

Dear Miss Shapla Begum

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 29 August.  
You asked:

*Please provide a reply to the following request; How many RIPA2000 authorisations have been executed that you assisted with by any of the Intelligence services, MI5, MI6, GHCQ or MOD at Stratford jobcentre 1 Tramway Avenue, London E15 , United Kingdom in; 1.year 2013 2.year 2014 3.year 2015 4 .year 2016 and:*

*How many RIPA2000 authorisations have been executed that you assisted with by any of the Intelligence services, MI5, MI6, GHCQ or MOD at The Grove, Gravesend Jobcentre, Gravesend DA12 ;*

*1.year 2009  
2.year 2010  
3.year 2011*

**DWP Response:**

The Counter Fraud & Compliance Directorate (CFCD) part of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is responsible for the prevention, detection and where appropriate, investigation of fraud and error against all benefits administered by and on behalf of DWP.

Whilst DWP holds some information relating to your request this information falls under the exemption in Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption covers certain information which, if released, would likely prejudice the prevention and detection of fraud and crime. In applying this exemption the Department has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosing the information.

I appreciate you may be disappointed by the refusal to your request but hope you understand the reasons why we are not providing you with the information you asked for.

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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**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](mailto: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  
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