

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI 3323

DATE: 17 October 2012

Dear Mr Slater,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 28 August 2012. You asked:

Seven questions in relation to DWP contracts with various commercial companies to provide postage services on its behalf (e.g. Balfour Beatty Workplace, Royal Mail, etc).

We are writing to advise you that the time limit for responding to your request for information which was received on 28 August 2012 needs to be extended.

It is occasionally necessary to extend the 20 working day time limit for issuing a response. In the case of your request, we need to further extend the time limit because the information requested must be considered under one of the exemptions to which the public interest test applies. This extra time is needed in order to make a determination as to the public interest.

Accordingly, we hope to let you have a response by 14 November 2012.

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@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London. 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